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the Attorney General comes, as he does here, and tells us that he has a prerogative sh he alone is the one who can say whether the criminal law should be enforced in ourts or not, then I say he has no such prerogative. He has no prerogative to or dispense with the laws of England —Lord Denning giving judgment yesterday

udges reject Mr Silkin's argument on constitutional role

of Appeal, in upholding the right of an individual his role. At the House of Commons Mr Silkin said yesterday ly in law when the Attorney General has refused t for a relator action, has strongly criticized the that Mr Silkin put forward last week in defending might appeal to the Lords.

that he refused his consent in a move against a Post Office boycott of South Africa for political reasons, and that he

Right of individuals to go to court is upheld

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and complains that the law is being broken. So long as he has a proper case for consideration, we will hear it. No one shall forbid him access. He is not to be turned away on some technical objection about locus

Mr Silkin's contention that he was answerable to Parliament alone was "a direct challenge to the rule of law", Lord Denning said.

He was convinced that the Attorney General's discretion to refuse was not absolute or un-fettered. "If he takes into ac-count matters which he ought not to take into account, or fails to take into account matters which he ought to take into account, then his decision can be overridden by the courts; not directly, but indirectly.

"If he misdirects himself in coming to his decision, the court can say, 'Very well, then. Master of the If you do not give your consent, Denning profile Parliamentary report Judge in dock Leading article Law Report .

the complaint of this citizen without it?"

If the courts had not such a power, the Attorney General could, by refusing to give consent, make the criminal law of no effect. "Confronted with a powerful subject whom he feared to offend, he could refuse his consent time and

impunity. It would indeed be above the law. "This cannot be permitted To every subject in this land, no matter how powerful, I would use Thomas Fuller's words three hundred years ago:

could disregard the law with

comes, as he does here, and tells us that he has a prerogative by which he alone is the one who can say whether the who can say whether the criminal law should be enforced in these courts or not, then I say he has no such prerogative. He has no prerogative to suspend with or dispense with the laws of England."

Lord Justice Lawton said that there was no question of a clash between the courts and Parliament, Still less was there any question of impugning the honeur, reputation and rights

He accepted that the Attorney General had to take into account the public time again. Then that subject interest, which he might be in a better position to assess than judges, and that he had access

accept is that he and he alone, in relation to law enforcement in relation to law enforcement appeal against its declaration to through the civil courts, is the House of Lords.

sole arbiter of what is the public interest. He does not claim infallibility. He may be wrong. If he is, many members

of the public may be inconveni-enced or suffer material loss."

Lord Justice Lawton thought the court would intervene only in the rare cases where there why threatened breaches of the criminal law should not be restrained. The court would vigorously deny relief to mis-chiefmakers, busybodies and those who would not be sonally affected by threatened criminal acts.

accepted. The court of Appeal lifted the temporary injunctions on the two postal unions which it had imposed on January 15 on the application of Mr John Gouriet, secretary of the National Association for Pree



Vice-President Mondale with Mr Callaghan at the press conference after their talks

Premier will lead way to Washington

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Callaghan will be the first Western Prime Minister to meet President Carter. An invitation to visit Washington from March 10-12 was delivered to the Prime Minister by Vice-President Mondale at the start of their talks yesterday, and

The Vice-President's discussions at Downing Street yester-day afternoon, followed by a working dinner, were brief but evidently sufficient to set Anglo-American relations on a

cheerful course.

Mr Mondale, looking aglow with good feelings, echoed Mr Callaghan's concern with the economic issues. These were central, the Vice-President said, to the whole world, and it was

important that they developed economic policies which dealt with the twin problems of un-employment and inflation. On trade, he urged a faster pace to get multilateral negotiations moving.

Mr Callaghan, asked what the

most important issue he would raise with President Carter might be, said he was most concerned about economic developments next year. It could be one of the most difficult years the world has ever seen, in terms of growth, the Prime Minister said. Mr Mondale confirmed that

the Administration regarded economic problems in all there aspects as a high priority. He indicated that new proposals were to be expected in the near future, regarding American economic policies at home can economic policies at home and abroad. While little of substance

emerged from the two leaders' press conference, held at the Government's new press centre in the Bath Club off St James's, it was clear that a wide range

Apart from the economic outlook, in which they discussed the venue and possible date of the summit meeting, they touched on development and the Third World, nuclear and conventional disarmament, Cyprus and the Middle East.
Our Rome Correspondent writes: Mr Mondale called on the Pope this morning to de-liver President 'Carter's best wishes "and receive from you your impressions concerning the

great humanitarian and moral issues of our time".

They were together for more private library. Brezhnev meeting: President Carter said today that he will meet Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet

on strategic arms before deciding United States policy. "My own hope is to explore every possible way with the Soviet Union to cur down dependence on weapons of all kinds", Mr Carter told a group of 350 students in Washington.

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this year to determine how much the Russians will cut back

ttorney General says he acted for political reasons

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historic reasons, he thought it unwise for the Government to keep industrial relations out of the criminal law.

Asked whether the judges were ganging up against the Labour Government, Mr Sillin

to an injunction be taken if the Attorney Genter in the Attorney General saw in ban delivery said. He left no doubt that he services and the present one, it he had done no more than uth Africa, made had consulted Cabinet ministrated the willingness all his predecessors had done

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> What was more serious was that Parliament saw its role as protector of the citizen against

tion, but if the law ought to be changed it should be changed by Parliament. That question involved not only the Attorney General of the day but also others, although the Master of the Rolls apparently argued

interest, Mr Silkin argued that if the Attorney General leapt to the looper of the National Association for Free Labour Government, Mr Sillin want to see a clash." Let the in, "men, on the best information of proceed collision with Lord Denning and his colleagues.

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Government plans to cut public spending by £1,200m next year

By David Blake

Public spending in Critain will be £1,200m lower in real with be Election lower in real terms next year than this, the first such fall during the dec-ade. The Government White Paper on public expenditure, published yesterday (further details, page 2) shows that total expenditure during 1977-78, which begins this April, is exprices compared with £53,968m during this year.

The White Paper states that as well as curting the forecast expenditure for next year, the Treasury has successfully ensured that expenditure during 1975-76 and 1976-77 has remained safely within the limits set in last year's estimates.

But although the combination of tough control systems and

of tough control systems and repeated programmes of cuts has brought down spending in the present and the immediate future, tough new battles seem certain during the coming year as ministers and officials go through another round of nego-tiations aimed at bringing down the expenditure programmes for 1979-80 and 1980-81 which were included in last year's White Paper or flow logically from it.

year's packages of cuts in global expenditure totals, does not give details of individual programmes and does not

the five-year programme, which is normally covered by the working of the Public (PESC), were "not further reviewed in the light of the "not further developments which led to the measures announced on December 15".

That is a polite way of saying they are thought to be too high. Although the provisional figures for individual programmes will be published up to 1980-81 when the detailed estimates become available in February, the aim of excluding anything after 1978-79 is clear. It is partly to avoid shocking anyone by the sight of a new, sharp increase in 1979-80 and partly to stress the idea that estimates for the later years are very provisional indeed.

The White Paper commits the Government to reexamining them during this coming year's round of expenditure discus-

sions, during which it will also £500m from the planned programme for 1978-79 to meet the pledge to the International Monetary Fund that the Government will make a cal adjustment of This is because the figures cal adjustment of that for the remaining years to 1981 amount. There is no commitment that this will take the form of public spending cuts. but ministers are to be given

raising taxes.
This year's White Paper makes no attempt to provide the kind of detailed projections of the use of resources in the economy which have been contained in previous expenditure surveys. But it does spell out very clearly the grim economic situation which provides the backcloth to the £1,624m net reduction in planned expenditure for 1977-78 which was carried out in the changes made carried out in the changes made since the last White Paper in

February, 1976.

During the past 15 years, the rate of growth of productivity in the United Kingdom has been barely two thirds of the average of industrial nations in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Continued on page 20, col 5

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Torism pact y 17 states

ons signed the European Conven-Repression of Terrorism in at France, Norway, Italy and pressed reservations, particularly on procedures. Ireland and Malta

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Gundelach, the new European for agriculture, announced his to hold down EEC farm prices accumulation of surpluses. In a g a radical change in Brussels ide it clear that farmers could no large annual price increases

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naka, the former Prime Minister on trial in Tokyo on charges that m to secure a big sales contract need Aircraft Corporation. In a opment, the prosecution impli-ard Nixon, the former American he bribery scandal

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Mass demolitions feared in Manchester

Unless adequate grants and subsidies for the improvement of older houses are forthcoming Manchester may have to demolish many of the 40,000 homes it is hoping to modernize. Councillor Allan Roberts, chairman of the city council's housing committee, says. An average of the council of 6000 is presented to he council or an expense of the council of the about £6,000 is needed to be spent on each property but the Government granted less than

Tate & Lyle statement

Tate & Lyle issued a statement in which it said the company rejected allegations made in an article in The Times yesterday based on the Comptroller and Auditor General's report on the supply of cane sugar in 1975. The company said it "acted with every propriety in all the transactions covered by the Comptroller's

Moby Dick' price record A first edition of Moby Dick, under its original title. The Whale, became the most expensive work of fiction to be sold at auction when it

fetched £30,813 in New York. Herman Melville's famous novel is recognized as one of the great works of American nineteenth-century literature Page 18

Briton wins bronze

Robin Cousins, of Britain, won the bronze medal in the European figure skating championships in Helsinki last night. Jan Hoffman, of East Germany, took the gold and Vladimir Kovaley, of the Soviet Union, the silver Windscale closed: A strike by nearly 3,000 men over pay closed the nuclear power plant at Windscale, Cumbria 2

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Carter plan for faster growth unveiled

From Frank Vogl US Economics Correspondent Washington, Jan 27

The Carter Administration's three main economic policy officials today presented the budget committee of the House of Representatives with the full details of the President's stimulative economic programme, complete with forecasts for the domestic economy, United States credit and the world economy.

Mr Michael Blumenthal, Secretary of the Treasury, said the United States must expect a larger deficit in its current account balance of payments this year. He said the Government was encouraging West Germany and Japan to stim-ulate their own economies in much the same way as the United States planned to do in order to help developing nations and such countries as Britain, France, Italy and Mexico to achieve faster growth. Dr Charles Schultze, chair-man of the Council of Economic Advisers, told the committee that the programme would cost \$31,200m (£18,000m) over two years. It should produce real growth in the gross national product this year of between 52 and 6 per cent, Mr Bert Lance, the director of the office of Management and Budger, said that the programme would add "a modest general stimulus" to the economy. There was "little evidence to justify concern that the programme might he

inflationary, given the great degree of slack in the Dr Schultze believed that un

employment by the final quarter of this year should be down to 6.7 to 6.9 per cent, considerably lower than would be the case without a stimulative of the case with the case without a stimulative of the case wi tive programme. The pro-gramme was vitally needed because "the recovery from the worst recession of the past 40 years has to date been disappointing, and without vig-orous action, it shows signs of

continuing disappointment.

Mr Blumenthal said that although the budget deficit would be increased, strains in the credit markets were most improbable. He forecast that interest rates would rise "only very marginally".

Present policies in the main industrial nations suggested

some slackening in economic growth this year, he said. The United States programme represented a "world approach" to help the international economy at this time.

The American programme was likely to stimulate world trade, helping weaker countries to reduce their payments deficits. But the effect of more stimulative policies by the some slackening in economic

stimulative policies by the strong countries (the United States, Japan and West Germany) should not be overestimated, he said. A 1 per cent rise in real GNP in the "big three" countries would intree: their contributions. crease their combined import demand by about \$4,000m, of which only about two-thirds could directly benefit the that the programme might be financially weaker countries.

Man charged with bank girl's murder

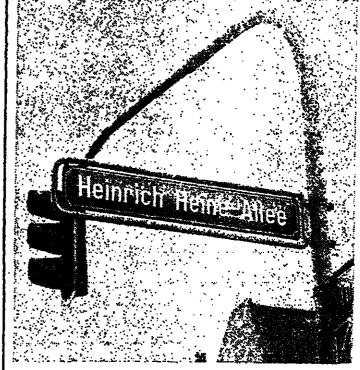
Michael George Hart, aged 38, unemployed and of no fixed address, was charged last night with the murder of Angela Woolkiscroft, aged 20, a bank clerk. He is to appear at Richmond Magistrates' Court today.

Miss Woolliscroft was shot over the counter at Barclays Bank at Ham, near Richmond, 10 weeks ago after banding over £2,500. Barclays later offered a £50,000 reward for information leading to the killer's arrest.

Film man shot

Los Angeles, Jan 27.— Laurence Merrick, aged 50, who produced and directed the documentary film Manson based on the 1969 killings of Sharon Tate, the actress, and six other people to California, was murdered today. A sniper shot him in the back

as he crossed a ballway of his cinema school in Hollywood.—



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Cyprus talks raise hopes of breakthrough

From Our Correspondent Nicosia, Jan 27
President Makarios and Mr

Rauf Denktash, the Turkish-Cyptowards a settlement", and a "breakthrout" for the "breakthrou; for the resumption of the long deadlocked inter-communal peace

Mr Denktash said that "the question was to make a start, for a package deal, since all and this has been done conthe surprise meeting provided grounds for hope.

The two leaders talked to

tral administration, a federal issue", Mr Denktash declared. President Makarios explained that the objective

was to find common ground the various aspects were intersphere and in frankness." related Despite his reference sphere and in frankness." to a breakthrough, he gave Diplomatic sources felt that warning that "I cannot say the surprise meeting provided there has been a rapprochament of views, serious differences commue on basic reporters at separate briefings issues ".

in the Greek and Turkish Cyp. The two leaders conferred riot sectors of Nicosia, which for two hours and 45 minutes

has been divided since the out- at the United Nations peace break of inter-communal fight-ing in December, 1963, the disused international airport date when the two men last closed by the Turkish invasion met face to face. of July 1974 and the continuriot leader, met today for the met face to face. of July 1974 and the continu-first time in 13 years for talks, "We discussed the funda-which the President later mental aspects of the Cyprus the island. described as a "good step question, that is to say the cen-President Markarios said President Markarios said

that Dr Kurt Waldheim, the the system and the territorial United Nations Secretary General, will visit Cyprus on February 12, during his journey to the Middle East.

An interview given by Archbishop Makarios to The Times last month opened the way to today's meeting. This was disclosed by Mr Denktash in a letter he sent to President Makarios. The text quoted views expressed by the archbishop during the interview.

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Balcombe Street prisoner identifies four men in dock

at the Central Criminal Court on the men to surrender. Asked yesterday if he could identify about a telephone call from his the men who held him and his daughter, he said: "We have wife prisoner in their flat in heard since that a number of Balcombe Street, Westminster, for five days in December, 1975. He looked across the hushed courtroom at the four Irishmen

in the dock and said: "It was the four defendants." Mr Matthews, aged 55, a Post Office worker, went on to describe how four gunmen burst

into his flat while fleeing from the police. He said: "There was a commotion outside in the road, a lot of noise and shouting.

looked out of the window and saw police cars and policemen hiding behind cars and looking up the road.
"I went out on to the bal-

cony, but was told to get back inside by officers below because there were armed men there." He went inside and closed the door to the balcony, and soon afterwards the doorbell rang. He opened it thinking it was the police, but was confronted by

the four defendants.

"They forced my wife and me back into the sitting room and then they switched off the light", he said. An armchair was taken out of the sitting room and put against the front door as a barricade.

When the police knocked on the door his wife was forced to tell them to go away. He was tied up with stockings. One of the four men dialled 999 The conversation was to

the effect that they had two hostages. The caller said: "Do not try to break in".

Mr Matthews said he heard

to appeal

Mr Tom Jackson, general secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers, said yesterday

that any decision to appeal against the High Court judg-ment would depend on whether

the union's right to strike had been "substantially affected"

Legal representatives for his

union and of the Post Office Engineering Union will read

the full text of the judgment,

and the two national executives

will act on their advice. It is

unlikely that any decision will be made before the weekend.

He was not surprised by the outcome, although "the union never set out to break the law,

previously of breaking the law. We obeyed the injunction, even in Scotland and Northern Ire-

land, where it did not apply."

Mr Jackson said that when the executive took the unani-

mous decision to boycort mail to South Africa it did not be-

lieve it was going contrary to

When, in 1973, the union had

imposed a boycott of mail against France to protest against nuclear explosions in

the South Pacific, no action had been taken against it, although

there were clear parallels
The Post Office Engineering

Union said yesterday that the

By Diana Geddes
Mr John Gouriet, administra-

tive director of the National Association for Freedom, the

man who took the Post Office

case to court, said yesterday it had "exposed the naked power of the body politic" for the first time.

It could well lead to a cam-

paign to remove the Attorney

General's office from the politi-

cal arena. The first law officer of the Crown should not be a political appointment; but the

association had no immediate

plans to test other areas of the Attorney General's power.

Attorney General's power.
"We are not out to destroy
the Attorney General, to hunt
him down and put pitfalls in
his way. If we did seek his sup-

port in any future actions it

the present case we were con-cerned in the first instance with

the way the law was being regarded by the Post Office Workers' Union, not with the power of the Attorney General."

The association was considering several other cases "where one element of society is seek-ing to impose its will for poli-tical reasons on the public",

he said.
"We are not against the

unions, provided they look after

GLC fined for

Mills, aged 13, of Clearbrook

Way, Exmouth Estate, Stepney,

lost an arm in a spin drier in

the estate drying room. The

safety cover had been ripped off by vandels. Mr John Ryance, for the GLC, said all drying

rooms had been closed while a

decision was made on the best way to ensure that no similar accident occurs.

faulty drier

would be with all sincerity. In the unions?

Action may be started

against other unions

By Tim Jones

Labour Staff

by the hearing.

about a telephone call from his daughter, he said: "We have telephone calls came in from relatives, but they were never

put through to us".

He said the television was switched on and the news gave details of the night's events. Asked about the men's response, he said: "There were photographs or pictures taken of vehicles, one with a builet hole in it. They laughed about what had happened and said that the police had shot that hale themeslyse. hole themselves."

Mr Matthews said his feet remained tied from the Sunday night until the next Friday morning, although his hands were released some time

He described how they spent the first night. "We smoked and smoked and there were small bottles of mixer drinks and we drank that.

There was a full bottle of whisky but the four men did not touch any of the spirits at all, although it was available. They did clean their teeth with the whisky at the end.

"During that first night they did not put their guns down at all. Right through the whole time there were always two awake with guns in their hands."

During the siege, he continued, the police communicated with the gunmen on a field telephone or with a loudhailer. Provisions, cigarettes and pills superintendent. for his wife, who had been ill, were lowered to the flat. His wife spent much of the time caller said he was speaking on

Who would be as much as most

Master of the Rolls, especially

Most of what he has said in

a brilliant lifetime of service

By his colleagues at the Bar, Alfred Thompson Denning, who was 78 last Sunday and was appointed a judge in 1944, is

considered a strong judge, one prepared if he considers it right, to place a new interpre-

tation on the law if he feels

As long ago as 1959, when

justice requires it.

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Union defers A man prepared to place a new interpretation on the

any decision law if he considers it right and justice requires it

curled up in an armchair, and he lay on the settee.

Asked if, apart from the discomfort of imprisonment, they were ill treated, Mr Matthews said: "We were not ill treated in any way at all. They spoke roughly sometimes, but physically, no." He said there was

a plan for a break out in which

h; was to be used, dressed up as one of the gummen. It happened on the Friday, just before they were released. His feet were untied and he was made to put on a sports jacket belonging to one of the four men. The plan was not explained, but it involved his

car, which was parked outside e flats.
"My wife and I walked round the room to make sure we could walk after having had no exercise. Then, for no apparent reason at that time, the break-out was called off.

"We had a small transistor radio in the flat and the four listened in to almost every news bulletin. There was a mention that the SAS [Special Air Ser-Asked by Mr Justice Cantley how he thought he and his wife were to have been used in the break-out, Mr Matthews said: "I assumed we were both going out with the men."

Then came the change of heart and they were freed. The negotiations during the siege were described by Com-mander James Neville, head of the bomb squad, who at the time was a detective chief



Mr Matthews: "Made to put on gunman's jacket".

behalf of the Provisional IRA. The men wanted an aircraft to take them to Ireland and said they were prepared to walt a few days if necessary. Mr Neville said he rang the

flar on the Sunday morning and was told that the gunmen wanted the aircraft by midday. "I made unsuccessful efforts to persuade them to release the hostages and made repeated promises that they would be properly treated if they did surrender and no one would be

It was agreed over a field telephone that the man speak-ing at the other end would use name Tom, while he and Det Supt Peter Imbert would use their Christian names, Peter

and Jim. Most of the negotiations were

carried on with Tom-it turned out to be Mr O'Connell-and they managed to strike up some

rapport.
Mr Imbert, now Assistant
Chief Constable of Surrey, said
that on the morning of Friday, December 12, Tom asked what the conditions of surrender were, and was told that they should put down their guns, free Mr and Mrs Matthews, and give themselves up.

Mrs Matthews was freed and the siege ended a couple of hours later when Mr Matthews was released and the four men surrendered, he said.

Der Constable Patrick O'Con-nor said two .357 Astra Mag-nums, a .38 Colt revolver, an-other .38 revolver and a Brown-ing automatic, all fully loaded, were recovered from the flat.
A statement in which Mrs Rosemary McWhirter described her confrontation with her husband's killers was read to the jury earlier.

Mrs McWhirter said two men

pointed guns at her as she got out of her car at her home at Enfield, London. One of them demanded her keys. At gun-point she pressed the front-door bell and her husband, Ross, opened the door.

She ran into the hall and then the kitchen and heard two shots. She saw her car being driven away and her husband lying just inside the front door. He was covered in blood. She screamed and ran across the road to raise the alarm. She would not "like to be in a position to identify the assailants" because the incident happened so quickly.

The trial continues today.

Strike shuts nuclear

nuclear power station, shut yes-terday after nearly three thousand workers had walked out, leaving four reactors idle. The strike came after a mass meeting at which it was alleged that the management did not

British Nuclear Fuels said last night that "an estab-lished shut-down procedure" was being followed to ensure that there was no danger to the public or to workers remaining on the sites.

power plant Windscale, Britain's first

intend to pay a thousand men who had been laid off.

The men had been sent home after a strike by 32 changingroom attendants in a pay dis-pute. The strike led to the closing of the chemical separation plant

As well as the nuclear fuel reprocessing activities, which have caused national controversy over proposals to expand them, the advanced gas-cooled reactor and part of the Calder Hall nuclear power station, which supply electricity to the national grid, have also been closed. One reactor at the Calder Hall station is being kept running to provide essen-tial lighting and power to the the Cumbrian coast.

Devolution deal is denied by

By Our Political Staff No "deal or bargain" bas been entered into by the Government to reduce the num-ber of Scottish and Welsh MPs at Westminster and increase the number from Northern Ireland in return for an assurance of votes on a possible guillotine motion to shorten proceedings on the devolution Bill, Mr Foot,

devolution Bill Mr Foot. Leader of the House, told the Commons yesterday.
Ministers were not denying, however, that serious considera-tion is being given to the inclusion in the Bill of such a reduction in Scottish and Welsh representation in the light of

demands made during the second reading debate and Nor do they deny that the Government will eventually bring in a guillotine motion. It is only a matter of timing. When it is patently clear, and some would say the stage has been reached already, that the Bill can get through only if a timetable is imposed, Mr Foot will put down the motion. He will delicately not accuse the

opponents of filibustering.
One of the five points on which the Liberals want a Government promise, in return for their cooperation, concerns a reduction in the seats at West-minster, and that could be achieved by an amendment to the Bill without it being necesference on the subject.
Mr Donald Anderson, Labour

Mr Donald Anderson, Lagour MP for Swansea, East, asked Mr Foot about persistent press reports that "as part of a deal on the guillotine" the Government was proposing to reduce the Welsh and Scottish representation.

Replying, Mr Foot said: "No deal has been made by me or by any other member of the Government on the subject. "What appeared in The Times today was a speculative report and those who read it can see that the author was careful to frame what he said in speculative terms. It is natural that journalists should speculate, because these are among the topics which have been raised in the House, and the Government has given an under-taking to consider what is said

in the House of Commons."

Mr Foot was unable to say when the Government would to ble its new clause providing for referendums in Scotland and Wales, but it was ready to change the order of debate so that it would be considered in advance of other proposed new clauses.

When Mr Thorpe, the former Liberal leader, asked about reports that the Government would arrange for the referendums to be held after the Bill had completed its passage in the Commons, and before it came before the Lords, Mr Foot gave a firm denial. "The nuclear industry complex on Parliament has made its deci-

Labour peers to continue talks on Lords reform

By Our Political Correspondent not to produce their own plans Labour peers decided yesterday that in spite of strong
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They decided to set up a working party under the chairmanship of Lord Champion to

maiship of Lord Champion to consider the "short-term and long-term aspects of the question".

At the meeting yesterday there was strong criticism of my report last week that Labour peers, noting the "anti-Lords" feeling in the party, had decided that it was politic

studies and discussions now taking place, such as those in the NEC and the Parliamentary Labour Party in the Commons It would report to a full meeting of Labour peers.
Apparently the working party

hopes to produce fairly soon proposals for the sort of reform that could be achieved by self-regulation, and then consider long-term improvements to the composition and powers of the House,

White Paper pro £31m more healt

By Pat Healy and Neville Hodgkinson

The health services are being asked to make further cuts of £3m in 1977-78 and £28m in 1978-79 under the terms of the public expenditure White Paper published yesterday. The cuts are expected to fall mainly on drugs and the administrative costs of family practitioner com-

Local authorities, which are asked to take a large share of the proposed cuts, may have to reduce staff by up to 30,000 and some services may be reduced. Total savings in health and personal social services will be £236m more over the four years to 1978-79 than had been estimated in the expenditure White Paper last February. The new cuts are seen as targets by the Department of Health and Social Security, because no specific decisions have been

taken yet. However Mr Ennals Secretary of State for Social Services. is concerned at over-prescribing by doctors. It is estimated that the average family doctor pre-scribed £12.000 worth of drugs in 1975, costing the service £17,000 after pharmacy fees and costs were added.

The health service has already been asked to reduce administrative costs, and fewer civil servants are now employed centrally. Family practitioner com-mittees are likely to be asked to make similar economies when they are presiding over the family doctor service, which more than £1,000m a

Savings on health and personal social services have been reduced, however, by the £18m overspent by council social services departments in 1976-77.
Total expenditure is expected to drop by £9m to £6,524m in 1977-78 and rise the following year to £6,587m.

The social security budget is expected to cost £53m more over the four years, compared with the previous White Paper. Social security, the largest single item of public expenditure, will cost an estimated \$11,910m in 1978-79, more than £9,000m of which is paid for by national insurance contribunational insurance contribu-tions. The cost increase over plans (Cmud (the previous White Paper arises Office, 60p).

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Riot shields approved the Metropolitan Pol

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster Mr Rees, Home Secretary, told the Commons yesterday

that he had agreed with the Commissioner of Metropolitan Police that protective shields should be provided for his men if the need arose because of the throwing of bricks and stones. Traditional methods of enforcing the law would continue to be relied on and shields would be used only in special circum-

Mr Rees, who was speaking during a debate on crime prevention, said football hooligatism could largely be prevented if organizations that make able. arrangements for young people

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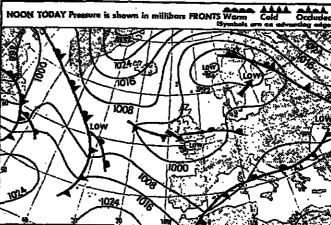
In brief

£50 fines for pub assault

Maurice Wells, aged 34, a dockworker, of Colchester, Essex, who surrendered to the police after a siege of his home in September, was found not guilty at Chelmsford Crown Court yesterday of the murder of his wife, Suzanne, aged 27, but guilty of manslaughter. He was jailed for 10 years'.

The Departement of Health and Social Security last night warned the public about cans of sliced mushrooms labelled "Grove brand" which it said might constitute a public health

East-West dialogue Paul Moorman describes the



Today London, SE, central S and SW England and Channel Islands: Heavy showers, bright periods; wind SW or variable, light or moderate; max temp 7°C (45°F). Sun rises : 7.45 am 4.43 pm Moon sets: Moon rises: 1.54 am 11.25 am Fall Moon : February 4, Lighting up: 5.13 pm to 7.14 am.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c. cloud ; d, drizzle ;



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Appeals to abolish bread price control rejected By Hugh Clayton cludes 14,000 drivers of bread The Government rejected appeals yesterday to abolish the vans, said he wanted a public inquiry soon. "There has been inquiry soon. There has been too much secrecy about the whole problem", he added. The meeting was adjourned for a week without any assurances of changes of policy from

Mr Gouriet: "Not against

One case waiting to come before the courts concerned alleged ballot-rigging by the National Union of Mineworkers.

Another "highly important and relevant" case concerned

Among about 450 guests who attended a First International Freedom Dinner organized by

the association in London last

night was Mrs Thatcher, leader of the Opposition. The speakers included Mr Vladimir Bukov-

relevant " picketing.

Greater London Council was fined £100 at North London Magistrates Court yesterday after admitting an offence against a section of the Health new bread price control, which has caused the delivery drivers' and Safety at Work Act, 1974. The court was rold that Inez dispute.

unions, provided they look after their proper interests—those of their members. They should not be wielding power based on their mass membership, many of whom are coerced cannonfodder, to achieve the political aims of a very small minority. That to me is tyranny and will eventually lead to a conflict which we are all anxious to evoid. We are against unions the association in London inght was Mrs Thatcher, le of the Opposition. The special control of the Opposition in London night was Mrs Thatcher, le of the Opposition. The special control of the Opposition. The special control of the Opposition in London night was Mrs Thatcher, le of the Opposition. The special control of the Opposition in control of the Opposition. The special control of the Opposition in Charles and the Opposition in Charles an

Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said after a four-hour meeting with 15 organiza-tions: "I am certainly not pre-pared, nor am I able, to go back to the system in which the Government virtually fixed the

wholesale price of bread."

Mr Jackson Moore, general secretary of the United Road Transport Union, which insolution."

and those unions which are critical of it? He added: "It is not for me to impose a solution." wholesale price of bread."

amounted to a departure from
well established principles
applied by all Law Officers of
all parties.

Mr Silkin continued: "It
would be a departure in favour
of a member of the public
who, if an offence had been or
were to be committed, had the sky, the recently-released Russian dissident, Mr Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent, North, and Mr Winston Churchill, Conservative MP for Streeford. Mr Boyson and Mr Churchill are both members of the association's council power to invoke the criminal law without my intervention." It could not be known whether Post Office union workers would heed their employers'

bakers or trade unions.

The organizations represented grocers, consumers and bakers from all over Britain. They also included, in the words of Mr Hattersley, "the union which is taking the principal action.

Tory backing for

Genesis teacher

Mr Rhodes Boyson, junior spokesman on education, said the dismissal was unfair because Mr Watson had not been told about the county's agreed religious syllabus until some months after his appointment.

A father struggling to support five children on social security lost his temper when he saw a man who had begged money from him buying double whiskies in a public house, magistrates at York were told

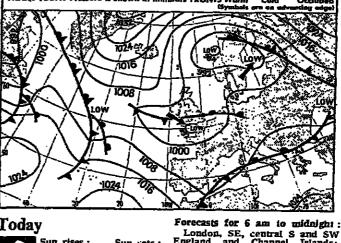
magistrates at York were told yesterday.
They imposed fines totalling £50 on Manus Rodgers, aged 32, of Beil Farm Aveoue, York, who admitted assaulting Mr Edward Bradshaw, of no fixed address, and causing a wound that needed four spitches.

Jail for manslaughter

Mushrooms warning

Paul Moorman describes the persistent attempts to maintain an East-West dialogue among the rectors of European universities, R. L. Moore discusses the teaching of history, and Michael Binyon reports on "the pecking order" among American universities, in The Times Higher Education Supplement roday.

Weather forecast and recordings



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Borders. Edinburgh and Dundee High water: London Bridge, 7.34 am, 6.1m (20.1ft); 8.13 pm, 6.1m (19.9ft). Avonmouth, 12.12 am, 10.1m (33.1ft); 12.43 pm, 9.8m (32.3ft). Dover, 4.44 am, 5.5m (18.0ft); 5.30 pm, 5.2m (17.0ft). Hull, 12.5 pm, 5.5m (18.3ft). Liverpool, 5.1 am, 7.2m (23.5ft); 5.30 pm, 7.2m (23.5ft);

Hull, 12.5 pm, 5.6m (18.3ft).

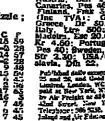
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Reference book tells little of Lord Denning They speak to give judgment. And in their judgments you will find passages which are worthy to rank with the greatest literature which England holds." Thirty-two lines in Who's men dare aspire to in a life-time, but they tell little of a man such as Lord Denning, Just over two years ago, again in another lecture, Lord Denning gave the Foundation Oration at Birkbeck College, entitled, "Ler Justice be done". to the law is safely stored for Repeating the title of his lec-ture, he said: "I take it be-cause at this time the law is posterity throughout the libraries of the world. What none has been able to capture is the way he said what he had

Lord Denning: Lifetime of

service to the law ciples of truth and justice which they should serve, they may find the whole edifice comes tumbling down about them."

giving a lecture, he questioned the legal doctrine of "from precedent to precedent". Some lawyers, he said, took pride in those words by Tennyson, be-lieving they meant "Stand by of your predecessors, however wrong they are, whatever in-

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Union. Mr Silkin said the Court of

Appeal yesterday morning gave judgement against the Post

lugement against the rost Office union, and also gave leave for him to appeal to the House of Lords on a constitu-tional issue of great import-

He said that the grant of his consent to Mr Gourier's

application

application would have amounted to a departure from

they meant "Stand by your decisions and the decisions of your predecessors, however wrong they are, whatever injustice they inflict".

Acting on that interpretation lawyers did nothing to broaden the basis of freedom, they narrowed it.

"If kawyers hold to their of the procedure of the procedur

"There are people in this country today who have broken the law, a law of which they disapprove. Then, having been septenced, they seek to avoid the consequences. Others support them. To them I would say: Do not carry your poli-tics so far as to undermine the rule of law itself. If you do that you will rue the day. For it is on the rule of law that civilized society depends.

executive would not meet to precedents too closely, forget speak as advocates do, to permake a decision on appeal until ful of the fundamental prin-suade. They do not speak as pense with the law of England."

in danger of being undermined for political reasons. On all

sides, after the sentence of the

court has been given, we hear demands that it should be set

Attorney General defends decision not to proceed offences were being commit-ted, it would have various eing picked on". ways of bringing the matter
As Mr Silkin put it, the before the courts, "for some Attorney General has to do a of which my consent would not

on the face of information available to me and in my judgment, the taking of injunction proceedings in my name had the inherent risk, at this early stage, of inflaming the situation before the need for it was demonstrated and might well result in breaches of the law and inconvenience to the formation from his colleagues and others, and sometimes there were factors he could Earlier, in the House, Mr Silkin had made a statement in reply to Sir Michael Havers, QC, the shadow Attorney General, about his reasons for refusing law and inconvenience to the public over a much wider area than the two sections of Post Office employees affected by cation to bring relator proceed-ings for an injunction against the Post Office Workers

the [union] circular". In all the circumstances, and giving full weight to the importance of enforcing the law: "I concluded, and I am confident that I was right, that the balance of public interest was against giving consent to Mr Gouriet's application... to take in my name infunctive proceedings

injunctive proceedings to enforce the criminal law." Sir Michael Havers challenged Mr Silkin to explain why he did not announce, in exercising his discretion, that the action of the Post Office union was illegal. The three judges were clear that the threatened action was a breach of the

Mr Silkin answered that the boundaries of the matter were far from clear. The Court of Appeal had thrown the issue into doubt, and that was a serious constitutional issue that would have to be decided.

Mr David Watson, who was dismissed from Rickmansworth School, Hertfordshire, for teaching the literal Genesis view of the creation, received support yesterday from Mr Norman St John-Stevas, opposition spokesman on education. Mr St John-Stevas said he preferred the evolutionary theory, but it had not yet been demonstrated to the point of total establishment.

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expectation from the service must rest with Government. "The medical profession must not be compelled to continue to accept the hostility which the public feels when denied what it regards as its reasonable requirements for medical

The failure, the BMA says are in quality and quantity. As disclosed last week, the evidence, which will be debated by 600 representatives of the pro-fession in March, makes sug-gestions on methods of financ-ing the service, possible charges and the need for an urgent review of medical manpower. The association says that be

cause from time to time it has been in dispute with the Govvice a myth has been propa that the profession, and the BMA in particular, always opposed the concept and creation of a national health ser-

In fact, it says, the association was in favour of such a service long before the NHS came into being, and its fundamental features were first pro-posed in a series of documents which doctors were the

Discussing the quality of the service, the BMA rejects the idea of any medical audit by the state. There is no need for further supervision of a quali-fied doctor's standard of care. There is evidence, it says that in the United States the expease of medical audit is not justified by the findings.
The association argues that

the dangers of medical audit cause of their basic medical new ideas, interference in clinical freedom and disregard of the doctor's duty of confidenti-ality towards the patient.

The proposed hospital complaints procedure would undermine the patient's confidence in

The disproportionate attention given by hospital authorities to ensuring that patients are made aware of the complaints procedure is very significant, the association says. The increasing number of

health staff who have access to medical records has created problems of confidentiality, and the introduction of computer records has raised additional difficulties, to which careful Coordinated services for the care of alcoholics are needed, with earlier identification of

victims and more effective fol-

low-up services. The BMA says it is in the interests of patients that there should be a private sector of medical care to complement the NHS. The profession is strongly against any suggestion of a need for a new health service worker such as a physician assistant or

nurse practitioner. In a chapter on overseas doctors the BMA says the de-pendence of the NHS on their services has become excessive. cannot be over-emphasized but a disturbing trend has been that in the late 1960s a significant number were admitted into practice in Britan although they were relatively unsuitable be-

When that was aggravated by language problems and difficulties of adaptation to an alien culture, it led to instances of unsatisfactory SETVICE patients. In turn that resulted in an unfair reaction against skilled and able colieagues.

The association believes there should be an extension of the Temporary Registration Assessment Board's test to include a clinical component. Those who passed the test should be subiect to an absolute time limit of five years on the temporary register. Any doctor wishing to stay in Britain longer, or to become permanently established should pass a full qualifying examination equivathat for British

The BMA says the profession opposes any suggestion of audit of standards or cost control of treatment by such a body, It calls for an energetic

earch campaign into tobacco substitutes for nicotine rather than a substance to be smoked. It estimates that the total care smoking-related disease costs far more than the revenue collected from tax on tobacco. From the medical point of

view, a severely differential tax between cigarettes on the one tobacco on the other would encourage a reduction in cigarette smoking and reduce the incidence of lung cancer and other diseases.

The evidence is published in the British Medical Journal.

Girls who put nitrate in head's tea cleared

From Our Correspondent Chesterfield

Three girls, aged 15, who were said to have put silver nitrate in their headmaster's tea after being disciplined, were cleared on a legal point at Chesterfield Juvenile Court, Derbyshire, yesterday.

The girls all pleaded not guilty to unlawfully and maliciously causing the headmaster to take silver nitrate, with intent to injure, aggrieve or annoy. Two of them admitted stealing a phial of the nitrate worth 13p and were placed and the contract of the contr under supervision orders for

But after a defence submission by Mr Geoffrey Hand that the diluted silver nitrate was not noxious or harmful, the magistrates ended the hearing. The court was told that silver nitrate is not on the registered list of poisons.

Miss Jean Hamlyn, chairman, said: "We find there is no case to answer on a technical point of law based on the interpretation of the word 'noxious'. We are satisfied that the girls had every intention of taking revenge on their headmaster but because of the dilution of the substance their action has fallen outside the criminal

One of the girls' mothers was said to have delivered a letter of apology to the headmaster, what happened this afternoon. I am glad to hea your are all

Delay in announcing arts aid criticized

By Kenneth Gosling Arts Reporter

Mr Roy Shaw, secretarygeneral of the Arts Council, yesterday criticized the Government for taking too long to announce the arts grant-in-aid for 1977-78, and gave a warning that it would cause confusion for the council's two thousand clients.

He said there was even greater concern for 1978-79. The Government had announced in its public expenditure White Paper that there would be a £2.2m cut for the arts in real terms then.

After the council's monthly meeting Mr Shaw referred to the investigation of arts financing undertaken by Mr Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, which, he said, had "disappeared without trace". The Government had said the grant for 1978-79 would be subject to Mr Lever's report.

John Stonehouse | No appeal by can go to Lords

John Stomehouse, the former MP, can ask the House of Lords to consider hearing his appeal against his conviction on five attempted insurance frauds, the Court of Appeal, which dismishis appeal on Tuesday,

decided vesterday. Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, sitting with Lord Justice Waller and Mr Justice Ackner, said there was a point

Cuts in the government grant to the Arts Council would inevitably mean cuts in grants to clients. "I can only hope protests will be directed to the proper address, the Government and not the piggy-in-the-

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middle, the Arts Council." The council had asked for enough to cover all known needs. It was accepted that a 21 per cent increase would be

needed in the coming year, raising the total from £36m to £43m, in order to stand still. Mr Shaw did not think the arts should be subject to cuts; they received only a small and already inadequate sum.

The Lever report, commissioned by Sir Harold Wilson when he was Prime Minister, will not be published, Mr Callaghan said in a Commons reply last month. He has made clear that the Government can-not devote the resources to the arts that it would like to, and referred to the encouragement of outside support, including business sponsorship.

Singapore

The Singapore Government will not appeal against a London court's decision that Mr James Slater had no case to answer on charges brought against him an official of the Attorney General's office said in Singapore yesterday (AP

reports). "We bave no formal right to appeal because there is no pro-vision in the Fugitives Offen-

Moderation in racial speeches urged

By Peter Evans

Home Affairs Correspondent No one should be prevented from expressing views on race relations provided they are in the language of normal moderation, Mr David Lane, chairmandesignate of the new Commis-sion for Racial Equality, said yesterday.

"What has done damage to race relations in the past", he told the Derby Council for Community Relations, "is unnecessarily lurid and extravagant language, such as that of Mr Powell at Manchester last week."

Mr Powell had used the analogy of warfare and spoken of "friend and foe" and of "the occupation of key areas and of key functions in the heartlands of the kingdom", by coloured people.

Mr Lane said that in the same speech, Mr Powell talked of heroic measures" to avert the gloomy consequences he fore-sees, but did not specify them. He gave warning of a threat to free speech, Mr Lane added, "but this is not the first occa-sion on which he has failed to use his present freedom of speech to explain exactly what solution he has in mind. Instead of spelling it out, he takes

The debate about race rela-tions might go off the rails if those taking part in the debate — whether white or black persistently used inflammatory language, thus making racial barmony suffer

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The society says the nation's £400m drug bill could be much reduced if doctors had to fill in on a prescription the length of treatment and the daily dose.

In general the society's evidence suggests that the pharmacists' place in health care should be given greater recognition. It suggests that a significant part of the National Health Service remuneration should be in the form of a new payment to recognize the pharmacists' availability and his e acting on the care throughout the day.

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Information on ownership of land criticized

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

Defence of rural interests against damaging laws is hampered by lack of information about the land, a report by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, published yesterday, Professor Donald Denman, of

the department of land eco-nomy at Cambridge University, who helped prepare the report, t, called by the epayers' Associced to start a essure on local MPs to prevent Elizabeth II.

"Until we can find out who owns the land in Britain we are 2 Clyde and a all in the lark. There are lobbies tehat want to nationalize tehe whole land scene. They have all got wool pulled over their eyes and they want to pull it over ours."

The report says that capital taxation would break up estates, while the Government wants to encourage larger and more efficient productive businesses British farm structures has im

proved for 30 years and is now the envy of the EEC.". Planning for land use outside farming has been given excessive priority against the management of land for food production, tehe report says. It points to a conflict between the Government's desire for greater food output at home and a growing demand for land for

leisure pursuits.

Mr Richard Ferens, who helped to compile the report. said: "Food production interests are not given enough priority in our urban society." The views of the Ministry of Agriculture. Fisheries and chare of safeguarding national food suplies, should be given more weight in planning deci-

Rural pursuits should be integrated so that 'any estate management policy should include nature conservation", Mr Ferens said. Integration was often essential. More than a quarter of the income of upland estates came from shooting, fishing and stalking, which were compatible with farming

needs.
The Future Pattern of Land
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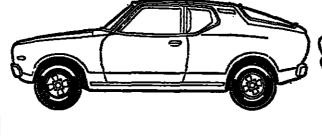
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Corrections

The concert on May 29 to celebrate the Liberal Party's centenary will be given by the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in the Albert Hall, London, not in Birmingham Hall, London, not in Birmingham as stated yesterday.

Access is not a cheque-guarantee card, as stated in an article on January 21, but it may be used to withdraw up to £30 from an Access account at any of the participating banks.







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* Mrs. Joy Gordon, Ramsgate, Kent: "My Datsun Sunny Coupé has now done 181,000 miles. I travel 200 miles daily and have had no mechanical failures other than a replacement alternator. Reliability is the key factor and in the Datsun I have found it."

* Mr. Bob Davis, Air Call Communications Ltd., Dunstable, Beds: "We have over 80 Datsuns in the U.K. equipped with radio telephones in use 24 hours a day doing very high mileage sometimes on emergency medical calls. We have tried other cars and came back to Datsun because we must have the reliability and low running costs."

D.L. Epps, Near Tonbridge, Kent: "I own a 1972 Datsun Bluebird 160B which I have now driven for over 98,000 miles. When I bought this car, I gambled that it might turn out to be reliable and economical. On both counts it has exceeded all expectations ... I cannot praise this car enough."

delighted at the apparent absolute reliability of this vehicle.

It is marvellous to set off on a journey feeling so confident" * W.Luck, Luck School of Motoring, St. Ives, Cambridgeshire: "My 1973 Datsun Sunny has covered 218,275 miles and is still running well on the same engine. It has not had an easy life, being a driving instructor's car for four years. Thank you for a car which has given such a wonderful service, a car which cannot

* Mrs. A. Brennen, Huddersfield (Bluebird 180B SSS): "We are

* Mrs. B. Spencer, Spencer Driving School, Old Alresford, Hants: "My Datsun Sunny has 125,000 miles on the clock and is still

going very strong. I had to tell you what a wonderful car it is." * The Gilpin Group, Leeds (Hoteliers and Caterers): "We have been using Datsuns for four years and have a fleet of 15, mainly estate cars, and they are thoroughly reliable and trouble-free. Our cars do a high mileage and we are well satisfied

with Datsun." ★ G. Davies, Snowdon School of Motoring, Caernarion: "My Sunny 4-door saloon has done 158,000 miles and has never let me down. The first replacement was a new clutch plate at 147,000 miles. I go out in the morning and I know I am going to

do a full day's work." * Robin West. Sevenoaks, Kent (Two Cherry saloons 133,000 miles): "Thank you for three years happy and trouble-free motoring. Not only have all my miles been pleasure motoring-

they have also been most pleasurable." L.H. Oddy, Marnhull, Dorset (1973 Datsun Sunny 73,126 miles): "Replacements have been minimal-one thermostat at 59,180 miles, exhaust silencer, 64,002 miles, one radiator top hose. Apart from these, only normal service requirements were

necessary." ★ Miss Olive Giles, Thunton (Datsun Sunny): "I recently took delivery of my third Datsun. I cannot praise too highly the performance of these cars and their reliability."

* K.Miln, Eastbourne, Sussex: "My Datsun 100A 2-door Saloon has given perfect service. It is completely reliable and has given me no trouble whatsoever. Over 18 months it has averaged a staggering 46.1 mpg."

* The Tudor Plant Co., Caistor, Lines. (Civil Engineers and Oil Rig Construction Company): "We are 100% Datsun in our car fleet because we found them to be the most reliable. They are used by our engineers and are given an incredibly tough life around the inland drilling platforms and oil rigs."

* E.R. Eastwood, Atlas Driving School, Selby, Yorks "My Datsun Sunny has completed 98,000 miles, being driven constantly by learner drivers, which can be very demanding on any vehicle. It has only let me down once, when the starter motor failed, and is still providing me with excellent service."

* C.W. Heath, Heath School of Motoring, Wivelsfield Green, Sussex (100A Cherry, 74,000 miles): "This car is on the road every day, approximately 8 learners a day ... I consider the engine has done more like over 100,000 miles... as there has been so much low gear and clutch work. My only replacement has been an exhaust pipe and this was due to a pupil ditching the car Since Since the war I have owned over 30 cars, and this has been the most reliable I have ever had."

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Threat of demolition for 40,000 older houses in Manchester

Manchester

Manchester's housing department, which proudly announced the end of its slum-clearance programme last year, may have to demolish up to 40,000 homes that it had hoped to renovate and preserve.

That warning was given yes-terday by Councillor Allan Roberts, chairman of the city council's housing committee. fter inspecting rows of late nineteenth-century terraces in

he Beswick area. He and Mr Graham Goodhead, tirector of housing, said the low level of government grants for restoration and improvement end long administrative delays in approving grants, with an inexpectedly rapid deterioration of older property, were bringing about the present

Tenants and owner-occupiers ri 320 houses in the area visited resterday are 90 per cent in favour of the terraces being demolished and of the occuants being rehoused in council ccommodation, according to a roll taken by a residents'

organization. That is in direct contrast to the attitude prevalent only two or three years ago when Manchester's clearance programme ran into many objections and

damp, with cracking walls and window frames. Most of the occupiers said they had once been proud of their homes, but were now losing heart.

Housing officials said one of of the reasons for the rapid deterioration of property of that type was "blight" asso-ciated with demolition work near by; but the fundamental problem was the size of government grants, providing an average of less than £3,000 a house when about £6,000 was needed to be spent either by the owner or the corporation if the latter took over the property for mod-

Tenants and owners in the Rylance Street area of Beswick are also looking enviously at new low-rise homes recently

built by the corporation on the adjoining Orme Street site. Mr Roberts said: "We have demolished more than 82,000 slum dwellings in Manchester. , just when we thought we finished with large-scale clearance we shall have to consider yet another compulsory

purchase order."
With the present government emphasis on inner-city redevelopment, the present situation in Manchester was a warning to Westminster. "Unless suffici-ent grants and subsidies for the ran into many objections and demonstrations from residents are forthcoming we may well have to demolish many of the houses visited we were hoping to modernize resterday showed signs of the said.

Derelict acres bought for shops and concert hall

rom Trevor Fishlock

Cardiff City Council's ambirion to escape from embarrassment over unsightly empty land in the city centre is much nearer to realization. For 20 vears the council has seen de-velopment plans come to nothing. Now it has agreed to spend almost 13m to buy eight acres of land that will open the vay for a £20m development, including department stores, shops and a concert hall.

The project is a much reduced phoenix rising from the ashes of an ambitious scheme which was put forward several vears ago, but proved too expen-

sive.

The fact that land in the centre of the city has been

The jailing of a policeman for

"kneeing" a man who had just punched him on the nose was

a serious miscarriage of justice.

freed from his three-month

been sent to prison. We make a conditional discharge to make

it clear to all concerned in this

young man's future the view we take of the offence."

Mr Hill, aged 24, pleaded guilty at Bristol Crown Court on January 18 to common assault. He had since left the

he was punched on the nose by a man. When the police arrested

Four accused

of £360,000

raid offences

Four men appeared at West

London Magistrates' Court yesterday, charged with offen-

ces linked with bank raids in

which more than £360,000 is alleged to have been stolen.

Shepherds Bush; William John Ferguson, aged 34, motor trader, of Randolph Avenue, Maida Vale, and Derek Thomas, aged 34, salesman, of Webber Row, Southwark, were remanded in custody until February

Mr Short is charged with

robbing Security Express employees of £237,736 at Barclays

Bank, High Road, Ilford, Essex on February 9, 1970, and of robbing Dominic Reid and others of about £2,000 at the Allied Irish Bank, Hammersmith, on November 25, 1976. He is further alleged to have

been in possession of a sawn-off

shotgun and ammunition with

Mr Short and Mr Simmonds

are charged with robbing John

Behan and others of £47,000 at

the Midland Bank, Wembley Park Drive, Wembley, on June 30, 1976. Mr Short, Mr Sim-

monds and Mr Ferguson are charged with robbing Noel

Lazenby and others of £75,000

at the Allied Irish Bauk, Ham-

mersmith, on September 9,

Mr Ferguson, Mr Thomas

and Mr Simmonds are charged

intent to endanger life.

Jailed PC

of injustice '

' victim

empty so long is regarded by many councillors and citizens as disgraceful. The council is anxious that development work should start next year, although the project will still leave some land derelict.

The development consortium

tion has asked for a four-year delay before starting but that has been refused by the council. The scheme has been criticized by some councillors and others as a bad bargain for the city. The critics say the return on the council's investment will be small.

idea of

A schoolgirl of 15 took a baby from a pram after reading a book about a girl who snatched a child, a Juvenile

a judge said in the Court of Appeal yesterday. Roger Hill, of Runswick Road, Brislington, months, from outside a bank at sentence, of which he had South Wimbledon on January 4. served nine days.
Lord Justice Ormrod said:
"The sentence was wholly inappropriate. He should not have Later she took the baby to a hospital and told the police what she had done. The court was told that she got the idea from a book Sam and Me.

the girl said she heard a baby crying. "I picked it up and

The judge said that when Mr Hill was at a discotheque with another officer and their wives the man he continued to shout abuse, and Mr Hill. "exasperated and out of control for a moment, kneed him in the crotch."

John Charles Short, aged 37, horse dealer, of Hollingsworth Road, South Croydon; Gerald Simmonds, aged 34, unemployed, of Wulfstan Street. the year compared with 2,200 in 1973.

Egg prices will rise next week, according to Goldeniay, the largest egg-marketing body in Britain. It said vesterday that prices of all grades would go up by 3p a dozen

the countess at Mentmore From Philip Howard Menumore The Dowager Lady Rosebery

At home with

conducted a rumultuous guided tour of photographers and reporters around the treasures of Mentmore Towers yesterday, with a charm and chartiness as if to the manner born. It would evidently have been worth the Government's while taking over the great mock English Renaissance wedding cake of a house in lieu of death duties, provided it could retain Lady Rosebery as official guide.

Welcoming her visitors in the dining room, with its walls cevered with Genoese cut velvet of the early seventeenth cen-tury, she said: "It is jolly nice of you all to come. I had hoped that this house would go to the nation. And I do not understand why the Government could not have taken it over and sold a few bits of furniture to finance it.

"We won't talk about valuation, because that makes it rather horrid. But just one piece of the French furniture is valued at £300,000."

The contents of the house constitute one of the finest col-lections of French furniture in the world, taking no account of the Sevres porcelain, the Rembrandt and other paintings, the tapestries, the Limoges enamel and the rest. They are valued at many millions of pounds, and will be auctioned by Sotheby Parke Bernet in a series of auctions at Mentmore in May, which will become one of the great house sales of the cen-

Mentmore was built by Sir Joseph Paxton between 1851 and 1859 for Baron Meyer de Rothschild, whose daughter

Tory plan

to improve

education

Education Correspondent

The Conservative Party yes-

terday launched its counter-blast to the Government's

national debate on education

with a year's programme de-voted to the raising of standards

of education in schools.

The party is to hold regional conferences to discuss education

in Manchester, Birmingham, Southampton and other places yet to be decided. In May they plan to hold a series of four lectures in West-

minster from educationists, not

all of them notable for suppor-ting the Tory Party line. The lecturers will be Lord Vaizey, who was created a life peer on the recommendation of Sir Harold Wilson; Professor Ralf Dahrendorf, Director of the

tutor at Magdalene College, Cambridge; and Mr John Izbicki, Education Correspon-dent of The Daily Telegraph.

The Conservative Party also

hopes to encourage local groups

concerned with educational standards to meet throughout

the country.
It is holding a conference with

industrialists to strengthen links

between school and work. It hopes to launch a campaign soon to revive religious educa-tion. It will also publish a study

Mr Norman St John-Stevas,

opposition spokesman for edu-cation, science and the arts, told a conference in London to launch the campaign: "We

want to turn the discussion on

want to turn the discussion on education back to the aims and the philosophy of education. We want to see discussions on the curriculum as part of a continuing dialogue. We want the Department of Education and Science to take responsibility

for promoting standards in schools, but we are against a centrally controlled curricu-

Helping Mr St John-Stevas, Mr Rhodes Boyson, deputy spokesman on education, will be

in charge of schools. Mr Keith

Other members of the team

into comprehensive schools.

By Tim Devlin

Lady Rosebery seated on a Venetian chair from the Doge's palace, at Mentmore Towers yesterday.

Hannah was the mother of the late Earl of Rosebery. Baron Meyer was one of the master meyer was one of the master connoisseurs and collectors of the nineteenth century. Lady Rosebery quoted him as asserting: "It is much cheaper

to buy French eighteenth-century furniture than to go to Naples."

What would happen to the house now? someone asked in

awe. Lady Rosebery replied:
"Oh, sink it. It could become
a luntaic asylum. It could become a health resort, and then I could come and stay here." A local reporter asked why could not have become a cultural centre for the adjacent new town of Milton Keynes.

Lady Rosebery replied briskly:
"People who like the awful
houses that they are building
at Milton Keynes would not be
interested in a place like this."

By Sue Reid, of The Times Higher Education Supplement Lord Gardiner, the former

Lord Chancellor, now Chan-cellor of the Open University, is among 5,800 students to

graduate from the university this year, it was announced

He took up his studies after becoming chancellor in 1973 and has gained a BA ordinary degree alongside a window

cleaner, fireman, radiographer

Nearly a quarter of this year's

new graduates joined the Open University with less than normal university entrance

requirements. However, Lord Gardiner, aged 76, gained a fourth-class law degree at Magdalen College, Oxford, in

the 1920s and consequently took

only three course credits, in

Harold Wilson; Professor Ralf Dahrendorf, Director of the London School of Economics; Mr Thomas Howarth, senior normal six, to complete the of graduates to more than

Final Belvoir decision

at 'national level'

Nottinghamshire county councillors held a 21 hour meeting

with senior officers of the Nat-ional Coal Board yesterday to discuss the possible develop-

ment of the huge newly dis-covered coalfield in the Vale of

Afterwards Mr Frank Higgins,

Afterwards Mr Frank Higgins, chairman of the environment committee, made clear that the council would not reach any decisition on whether to support or oppose exploitation of the field until a formal planning application had been submitted. Moreover it was certain that the final decision would be taken ar national level.

Asked how the council's atti-

Asked how the council's attitude compared with that of
neighbouring Leicestershire, in
which part of the coalfield also
lies and whose leader, the Duke
of Rutland, has strongly condemned the coal board's plans,
Mr Higgins said he was not
aware that Leicestershire had
reached any firm decision. A

reached any firm decision. A

coal board official added that

it would be most improper to do

so at this stage.

On the road from Melton

Mowbray a large sign pro-claims: "Help save this view".

A mile or two farther on the words "No pit" are painted on the side of a haystack, and there is no dearth of window

and staff nurse.

From John Young

Planning Reporter Nottingham +

at national level.

Belvoir.

The pack surged around her into the grand hall to admire the Gobelin tapestries of the four seasons; the vast carpet from Versailles; the early Erard piano; and the Rubens fireplace, which has a reserve of £250,000 on it and for which the city of Antwerp has made repeated offers. Lady Rosebery explained: "We could not let it go, because what on earth
would we put in its place?"
In Lord Rosebery's study she
opened up the Augustus Rex
cabinet, a secretaire bookcase of 1755, made for Augustus, Elector of Saxony and King of Poland, known as Augustus the

at more than £200,000. One of Lady Rosebery's riends, ignorant of the asymmetry of rococo, once told her that she supposed it must be

never been very bright and I do not consider that I have a

first-class brain but I always

wanted to learn more. I became

being appointed chancellor because I wanted to understand

Lord Gardiner, who used spare moments at the House of

pulsory university summer school and used a Post Office alarm call to wake him for

early-morning lectures on radio and television.

year's graduates were in manual and routine office and service-

industry jobs, compared with 9 per cent in 1976. Almost two

fifths of successful students

were women.
The group was the univer-

board's proposals. "But most

people think the mine is going to come anyway, and there's nothing we can do about it."

Others, however, are ready to

take a more militant attitude.
The coal board could hardly

have expected to encounter in the rural Midlands a voluble Welsh priest, the Rev A. G. Burford, Vicar of Long Clawson with those who worked for 11

years in the mines of the Rhondda Valley.

He insisted that local people have known for generations that there is coal in the vale. Towards the end of the last

century its excavation had been proposed by none other than the former Duke of Rutland, grandfather of the board's

fiercest critic.

The decision to excavate on four sites instead of one had disturbed many more people in the past few days, Mr Burford said. They were also beginning to realize that all the skilled workers would have to be brought in from elsewhere and that the only jobs for local people would he as labourers.

"The scheme can be

"The scheme can be stopped", he said, "but only if it becomes a national concern and the conscience of the nation is aroused."

Independence for union

The Union of County and

District Secretaries, represent-

fiercest critic.

More than a tenth of this

Open university chancellor and window

cleaner among 5,800 latest graduates

about the university."

Strong. It is a rococo master-piece of gilt and carving valued

worth it, provided she still had the missing pieces. On the staircase Lady Rose-bery remembered an anecdote about the Gainsborough of greyhounds coursing a fox. In 1938 they had nowhere to hang it, and her husband accordingly

offered it to a friend for the £1,500 he had paid for it, on the ground that sporting pictures were increasing in value. The friend refused the offer, saying: "But cruel sporting pictures have not appreciated." A few years later Mellon offered £40,000 for it. Today is is valued at £250,000.

The tour lasted for two hours but only skimmed the surface of the beauties and wealth of Mentmore: the Marie Antoinette silks in the Du Barry room; the Drouais portrait of Madame de Pompadour ("a

Mr Frank Morgan, aged 59, of Bolton, has been a window cleaner for 30 years. He left school at 14 and earned 16 shil-

lings a week in his first job.

He has just graduated in arts

tain graduates would be eligible

Ordination of

women leads

From a Staff Reporter

priest

vicar to resign

A vicar announced his resig-nation from his living yesterday because he is opposed to the

ordination of women.
The Rev Clive Loosemore,

aged 39, who has been Vicar of Bedlinog and Trelewis, Mid

Glamorgan, for seven years said

he would leave the Church in Wales next month and seek to become a Roman Catholic

He is a member of the Council of Catholic Churches in

Wales, which opposes the ordi-nation of women. He said

neither the scriptures nor church tradition allowed women

John Proctor, a butterfly col-

lector, stole 182 specimens valued at more than £3,000 from

the Victoria and Albert Museum over a seven-year

period, to add to his collection.

it was stated at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, Westmin-

Mr Proctor, aged 36, a bank clerk, of Oaktree Road, Knap-hill, Woking, Surrey, was re-manded on bail until February 24 after admitting the theft and obtaining £215 by deception.

Aerosol safety rules

Safety regulations are to be

pensers, Mr Fraser, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said in a Commons

ster, yesterday.

Collector stole

182 butterflies

and social sciences.

honours degrees.

to graduate. It brings the total for graduate membership of the of graduates to more than society, allowing them to take

21,000. Three fifths of the latest higher degrees in psychology.

He said yesterday: "I have graduates are aged under 40 and ever been very bright and I another quarter between 40

I dare say, for the king"); the Boucher of Apollo and Cupid; the lavatories with plumbing as majestic as Niagara, and walls calf-skinned to the ceiling with bound volumes of The Gentleman's Magazine.

Melancholy as well as mer-cenary sale-room excitement hangs over the dispersal of so rich a collection meant to be rich a collection meant to be lived with, which was at the centre of Victorian political life and high society. Somebody asked whether Lady Rosebery could relax in such grand surroundings. "I can relax anywhere", she said. How many servants did she need to run it? "I have seven, but I call

it? "I have seven, but I call them friends, not servants.

They have been with me for up to 32 years. And they are coming with me to my new home in Aylesbury."

discuss **Ulster peace**

A potentially significant de velopment in the Ulster peace movement took place yesterday n the sixth-form centre of

spare moments at the House of Lords to pursue his course studies, attended the comday. He does not intend to change his £50-a-week job. Sir Walter Perry, the university's vice-chancellor, said that one in 14 of new graduates in Britain were coming from the Open University. About 1,150 graduates with ordinary degrees had gone on to gain The honours degree had been recognized by the British Psyhostility felt towards the peace chological Society, he said. Cer-

campaigners in some republican and "lovaist" areas. the first of a series, was organ-ized by three pupils from the Methodist College: Nead Gib-son, Sally Hyman and Sheelagh Morrow. Like other leaders of the peace movement, which is experiencing difficulties, they believe that segregation is one

tinuing violence. Miss Hyman, aged 18, said: "The idea was to bring school-children who had never met anyone from outside their own environment into contact with

A plan to put the inter-school peace movement on a permanent basis, with each school nominating at least one representative, was discussed. One of the co-founders of the Peace People, Miss Mairead Corrigan, has given talks in about 15 Protestent and Roman in an effort to encourage them to set up peace groups. Detective murdered: The Pro-visional IRA was blamed for

car for service.
Det Constable McNulty, aged 30, died after machine-gun bullets had been fired through the window of his car by two terrorists near the centre of Londonderry. The vehicle used by the terrorists
was later found abandoned in
the republican Bogside district.
A postman was seriously
wounded in another ambush in

The Provisionals claimed responsibility for a bomb which exploded at the Ulster Poly-

School pupils

From Christopher Walker

Methodist College, one of Bel-fast's best-known schools.

After lessons had finished for the day 130 pupils aged between 15 and 18, from 41 Protestant and Roman Catholic schools.
some situated in the most
violent districts, attended the
first inter-school peace conference. In Belfast, schooling is strictly segregated by religion. It demonstrated courage on the part of the young participants, who were aware of the

of the main reasons for the con-

pupils from other schools." Among proposals put forward were the "twinning" of schools and the establishing of community schemes involving young people of both religions.

Catholic schools all over Ulster some violent attacks in different parts of Northern Ireland yesterday, including the murder of an off-duty detective, ambushed as he was delivering his

a remote lane near Kilrea, co Londonderry, while on his

technic, on the outskirts of Belfast. No one was injured but the common room in a hall of residence was wrecked.

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police in four before admitting be in the incident. Bu out at an indentity In his final str was alleged to have did it. I didn't mean pretending to push not actually doing tended to push him his balance and we were struggling to

Cover-up Cannot hunt for boy's kill

father say

A verdict of mansh

yesterday by a jury of the inquest of Euriaged 15, who died is after being held to water at the Parlia.

Lido, Hampstead, L. July 8 last year. H

Prince of Wales Roa

Pancras, the boy's t Antonio Sidoli, critic

investigations of the Crucial witnesses ha

called, he alleged. Deborah Smith, a

Hows Street, Beth

told the inquest the seen two youths atta She said she "se built boy with dark

across to another boy, who shouted back". The first

another, ran acro Enrico Sidoli, who

pool.
"They jumped in him, and held him u short blond-haired b

with them just

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top, but they put his he went right do

The girl said sh

bottom."

" He had hold of wouldn't let it go, a struggling, but he s of the grip and bottom. I got scar and got dressed." Dr Hugh Johnson gist, said death v irreversible brain d

Strategy to between T and employ

By Our Labour Ed TUC leaders las the CBI for a work discuss the Govern phase of pay restr fidential talks took employers' offices is ter. No statement

afterwards. The meeting, in TUC's representati National Economic 1 Council and top i was said to be a 10 but it takes on at cance in the light o next Tuesday be Chancellor and the the next round of in

The CBI is arguiing increases in ballow as 3 per cent with another 2 or 3 " flexibility ". Mr Healey has

pressed confidence 1 will agree to anot voluntary restrain shape of any new determined by the which the Gover accommodate the clared insistance o return to collective beginning later this

Workers o building sif

Two hundred workers, including a for Shrewsbury picked Pontin's holiday carment site at Press Wales, yesterday an "under worker con contractor, Ambrost contractor, Ambrose
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issued warning not
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increase. The work
the management of
introduce "lump" 1

Mr Frederick W: man of the site shop stewards, de

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Two voices for islands

But despite the environmentalists' efforts to arouse local opinion the dominant mood appears to be one of resignation. In the village of Hose, one of the four sites chosen for further investigation, a woman said she did not think anyone could be in favour of the four sites chosen for further investigation, a woman said she did not think anyone could be in favour of the four sites chosen for further investigation, a woman said she did not think anyone could be in favour of the four sites chosen for further investigation, a woman said she did not think anyone could be in favour of the four sites chosen for further investigation.

By a Staff Reporter

and car stickers.

amendment to the Scotland and Scottish assembly.

Mr Grimond, MP for both island groups, who put the amendment, said they deserved assembly because their industries and circumstances differed.

Commenting on the decision vesterday, Mr Alexander Tul-loch, convener of Shetland Islands Council, said the islands would be happy to have a 100 More home per cent louder voice in the 28 and 29 assembly.

He believed other important The Commons has accepted an amendments still to come before Parliament were those designed to protect the Shetland County Wales Bill permitting Orkney Council Act, the Shetland Disand Shetland each to send a turbance Fund and the island representative to the proposed. council's status as an all-purpose authority.

I see no reason why the Government should not agree. After all, without Sherland Mr Healey would not have got his IMF

More home news, pages 18,

Rebuff for dissident Labour councille

Party after an investigation by the party's Scottish organizer, Mr James McGrandle,
Transport House said yesterday that Mr Regimeld Underhill, the national agent, did not propose to take any action.

The decision will do nothing to soothe the feelings that divide the Labour group on the council. Six councillors have

Dundee

Allegations that policy-making by Dundee District Council is being influenced by a left-wing group from outside have been rejected by the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party after an investigation by The six are Mr Frank Fagan, Labour Party, said the city treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's Bell, Dr Ewan Faulkner and Mr George Tadden. They have not the Labour group of the Labour group of the Labour Party, said the city treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect on the city's treasurer, Mr James tools would have Duncan, convener of planning, effect election in May. Their names gestion of an unco. . .

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Mr McGrandle sain divide the Labour group on the council. Six councillors have resigned the Labour whip, which means that the party is in a minority if the six abstain or vote with the opposition.

group was influencing the local not happy about happened in Donde happy about happened in Donde helped anyone. They did not accept Mr McGrandle's findings.

Mr William McKeivey, secretary and organizer of Dundeo fight."

with giving Mr Short assistance and accommodation with intent the second on Wednesday, this to impede his apprehension or prosecution. Mr John McCandlish, for the prosecution, said Mr Baskind's Cohen said he was a garrulous Mr Ferguson and Mr Thomas wife left him for another man man and was just letting off are further charged with con-18 months ago, after they had steam. He had no intention of been married for seven years. spiring together and with others to commit robbery.

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is led by the Heron Corporation, which will put £10m into the project. Boots will put in £2m, Woolworth £1m and Debenhams, who are building a new store, £6m. The Heron Corporation has a shed for pora-

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In a statement read by Det it stopped crying and went to sleep. Nobody was looking it just seemed the easiest thing in the world for me to do so

by. where it was found.

Mr J. McA. De Burgos, for the defence, said the girl had cared for the baby excellently. The case was adjourned for

more patrolmen

The Automobile Association will spend £5m this year to recruit 400 extra patrolmen and to add 236 vehicles to its patrol fleet. Mr Alec Durie, the director general, said vesterday that uniformed staff would number 3,200 by the end of the year compared with 2 200

Dearer eggs

taking baby'

Court at Wimbledon was told yesterday. Roger Hill, swick Road, Brislington, a former constable, was a former constable, was

I just walked off with the baby." After taking the baby home she heard on television that the police were looking for it. She took the baby to a hospital near

three weeks for reports. AA recruits 400

Hampson, vice-chairman of the Conservative Parliamentary Education Committee, will supervise higher and further education and will act as liaison officer with Conservative local government leaders. Mr William Shelton, MP for Lambeth, Streatham, will look after standards in education. Sir George Sinclair, MP for Dorking, will be concerned with the independent schools. in 1973. He said the association recruited 800,000 new members last year. Membership was now 5,300,000.

are Mr Nicholas Winterton, MP for Macclesfield, Mr Nigel For-

man, MP for Sutton, Carshal-ton, and Mr Robert Cooke, MP for Bristol, West. Gangster-style contract for wife's murder alleged

From Our Correspondent

gangster-style contract for the murder of his wife, it was kind had told a man that he alleged at Leeds Magistrates wished to put out a contract to Court vesterday.

Nunroyd Road, Leeds, was was arranged between Mr Bas-remanded in custody until kind and a bogus assassin. At remanded in custody until the meeting Mr Baskind repeated his wish, but the two orrences of soliciting men assassin was a detective and to murder his wife. The first other police officers tapeattempt was alleged to have recorded the conversation. taken place on January 7 and

Questions had arisen concerning custody of their son, aged four, and that was behind the present charges.

Mr McCandlish said Mr Bas-Harry Baskind, aged 47, of told the police and a meeting

The magistrates refused bail and asked for a psychiatric report. Reporting restrictions were lifted.

"We need these very urg-ently to safeguard Shetland through this very bad period of oil development and after the separate representation in the oil industry has gone", he said.



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the increasingly sures taken by the authorities against nd unionists. the suppression of ions, the banning of ionists and the crip-nional and training plished with TUC ncrease trade union ong black workers.

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stated the union's week of action. It tembers working in where mail was y from, or for des-o, Sooth Africa to as from midnight following. It inmbers not working to continue normal

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on the afternoon of carv 13. I learned Office Board inng notices warning s that to obey the ould be a criminal urned also that the airman had written trongly urging it to ned the House on rake action if it to be necessary and he Post Office Act. be most exceptional would it be right for eneral to intervene.

such exceptional son to believe that ald be asked by the mervene, I took the considering the law sers and also of information as I the likely consemvself. rnoon of Friday. was informed that a Mr Gouriet, who to my department, cation for my con-inging by him of ags for an injunc-

union, to restrain ning its instructions as pressing for a decision, on the intended to go to ame afternoon.

was asked and had no special inthat of any other
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ing a decision, I ries to be made as are had been any suts. Those inquirregative result.

the information available and on consideration of that information and of all the advice which I had received I declined to grant con-

A relator action is one in which I agree to be the nominal plaintiff but the conduct of the action is in the relator's hands, subject to my general control. It had never been doubted that in two sets of circumstances no other way of obtaining stances no other way of obtaining an injunction existed in law.

One was where the relator had no special interest beyond that of any other member of the public. The other was where the injunction required was to restrain the defendant from committing a criminal offence. Both circumstances were present in this case.

In his decision whether to grant such an application, the Attorney General is not confined to considering the chances of success. It is his duty also to consider broader issues of public interest and to base his conclusion on where the balance of public interest lies. basance of public interest lies.

If the Attorney General grants the application the courts will normally assume that the public interest is in favour of granting relief. That is particularly true where the relator wishes to restrain the commission of a criminal offence, in the ordinary way the original law is presumed to provide adequate deterrems and so the

dequate deterrents and so the injunction is not needed. Any member of the public, even without a special interest, can nor-mally bring criminal proceedings without my consent.

For this reason, the relator pro-cedure had in the past very razely been invoked except to restrain the commission of criminal offences in those cases where the criminal law has already been successfully in-voked, usually many times, but the penalities are found to be insuffi-cient to deter the offender, or where the threatened injury would not be remediable.

not be remediable. The Solicitor General in 1960, now Lord Simon of Glaisdale, explained this to the House, following the Harris case. The present was not such a case. The criminal law, which in this case gives an offender against Section 58 of the Post Office Act the safe-great of a right to trial by income. guard of a right to trial by jury had not been invoked.

Thus the grant of my consent would amount to a departure from well established principles applied by all Law Officers of all parties. It would be a departure in favour of a member of the public who, if an offence had been or were to be committed, had the power to invoke the criminal law without my intervention.

not due to start until midnight on the Sunday following, it was not and could not yet be known whether Post Office workers would heed their employer's warning that they would be committing criminal offences if they followed the union's instructions.

If on the Monday morning the Post Office took the view that offences were being committed, it would have various ways of bring-ing the matter before the courts and those methods would not necessarily need my consent.

On the face of information available to me and in my indement, the taking of injunction proceedings in my name had the inherent risk, at this early stage, of inflaming the situation before the need for it was demonstrated and might well result in breaches of the law and inconvenience to the public over a much wider area than the two sections of Post Office employees affected by the circular:

This possible reaction to court proceedings based on a crimina offence was all the more real in the light of the fact that the Conservative Government in the Industrial Relations Act, 1971, had, for very good reasons which were fully stated by the Solicitor General of the day, deliberately removed from the criminal law the principal existing provisions making industrial action a crime.

And whether for that reason or not, it had not taken action in the virtually identical circumstances prior to the French nuclear tests in 1973. Whether the wording of Section

Whether the wording of Section 58, whose origin was in the Act of 1710, was deliberately excluded from the 1971 amendment, and, if so, why, I do not know, but when originally enacted it was certainly not intended to deal with trade union activity in industrial relations.

In all these circumstances and giving full weight to the import-ance of enforcing the law I con-cluded and I am confident that I was right, that the balance of pub-lic interest was against giving con-sent to Mr Gourier's application on the Friday to take in my name immediate injunctive proceedings reasury Counsel to immediate injunctive proceedings in the light of all to enforce the criminal law.

Sir Michael Havers, Opposition I have said, and again I hope to spokesman on the law (Merton, have the support of Conservative prefer to say, and I hope I have Sir Wimbledon, C), questioning the lawyer MPs, because stey know it. Michael Havers' support on this, is a fact, it is only in the circumstatic stances I have mentioned that this there have been several cases at the suspicion of a political use of the discretion by the Attorney in the way he suggested would be a close it was as "clear as total departure and in a way which has not been done, to my knowledge, for bundreds of years. To use the words of one of the Love Mental Mark and I hope with as much leading to the court of Appeal, I do not

Lord Justices, it was as "clear as a pike staff", that a breach of the

criminal law was threatened. For reasons he has given, and which we will consider later, when in fact he refused his consent to the relator proceedings by Mr Gouriet, why did he not announce at the same time that in his view the proposed action by the union was clearly friegal thus lending the authority and weight of his office to that and therefore probably making any application to the court quite unnecessary?

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But he failed at all times, in this House and elsewhere, to express a view, clearly expressed by three Lord Justices today, that the intended action was a breach of the criminal law and it is only the confusion and lack of certainty which he failed to make clear, which made this purposered breach which made this threater of the law more likely.

Mr Silkin-I cannot accept that. What happened was that the Post Office board were seeking to make clear to their workers that in their view there would be a breach of the criminal law if they followed the union's instructions.

I was simply brought into the

matter on the question of whether I should grant the application of Mr Gouriet and I decided not to.
The other matters he has referred to have no bearing on the question I have been asked to

Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab)—If, as it appears, there has been a departure and there are serious legal doubts about the Attorney General's powers, would it not be common sense for Parliament in due course to legislate to put this matter beyond doubt? Mr Silkin-That is not a matter for

me but I agree the boundaries of this matter are far from clear. One of my submissions to the Court of Appeal was that to after the practice as it existed throughout the time when Sir Michael Havers was Solicitor General and Sir Geoffrey Howe was Solicitor General . . . throughout all that time, it had been clearly understood that the been clearly understood that the law was as I put it. I bope he will confirm that. Now the Court of Appeal has

thrown that into doubt and that is a serious constitutional issue and one which no doubt will have to be I wholly agree that to change the law on the basis of one particular case rather than look at the situation as a whole, is quite wrong. Str Derek Walker-Smith (East

Bertordshire, C)—Since in the absence of specific statutory provisions to the courary, which do not apply in this case, a private citizen can initiate a prosecution when an offence has been committed, would it not be in the public interest to facilitate the restraint of the com-mitting of the offence and thereby stop what was admittedly a crim-inal offence being perpetrated without the consequent necessity of punishing the perpetrator? Mr Silkin-No, I cannot agree. As

Mr Alexander Lyon (York, Lab)-While the Court of Appeal said there was a clear breach of the law, is it not correct that this issue was not argued in court and the issue to be decided is the relator Issue if and when it is brought?
If the Court of Appeal has the right of saying where there was a clear breach of the law, what is the point of having a relator action at all?

Jaration sought against me, which has not been upbeld by the Court perly in refusing consent. There would remain little function in the relator action in the circumstances

C)—Has it not been made clear to the Attorney General that there was no effective sanction against a breach of the criminal law in this case except an injunction, because the Post Office would not have prosecuted many thousands of its staff for complying with its union instructions? In those circumstances, was it

not clear his decision was governed by his view that the union would retaliate if he lent his name to the relator action? Is not that a most dangerous doctrine on which to apply the law to the citizens of a free country—that if they bite back you will not hit them?

Mr Silkin—These are important questions of constitutional law and I do not believe, as I submitted to the Court of Appeal, that it is right they should be asswered in the context of a particular case. They ought to be considered in the context of our general administrative

law.

I am not accepting for a moment that the only way the Post Office, if it had thought it right to do so, could do it was by prosecuting thousands of workers. He knows that many an Attorney General in the past, whether of my party or the Conservative Party, have taken the view even where it is clear the for a prosecution to be brought. That was true of Sir Hartley Shawcross and it is no doubt the foundation of the basis on which Sir Geoffrey Howe removed the criminal sanction from the Indus-

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lab)—It hardly lies in the mouths of the party which invoked the Official Solicitor to accuse Mr Silkin of political partiality in the exercise of his duties. The judgment of the court goes right to the boundaries, the proper boundaries, which should exist between Parliament and the judiciary. Labour MPs believe that the pro-

trial Relations Act in 1971. One can

quote several other cases.

per division between Parliament and the judiciary should like in this House, and will be bring for-

actionable offence.

On the Court of Appeal, I do not think it would be right for me to criticize the judgment of Lord Denning or any other judgment, but I have already said that leave to appeal has been granted. The House of Lords Judicial Committee is the right forum in which to make crinicisms.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L)—Since the Post Office Board have the power either to initiate a riminal prosecution or to seek an injunction, can he say whether they consulted him as a Law Officer of the Crown as to what action they might take?
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wise and proper action to have
done so and he would have had a
duty to provide such advice. If he
did provide such advice can he say did provide such advice can he say what (1 was ?

Mr Silkin—The Post Office did not come to me with any proposition either that I should advise them on what they should do or asking for my consent to allow proceedings. They did not do so.

Whether it would have been proper for me to give advice to the Post Office, as an independent cor-

poration, is a matter on which one would have to give great considera-tion if it arose, but it did not arise Mr George Cumingham (Islington, South and Finsbury, Lab)—This is a serious matter, even on points not subject to statute law for the courts to go completely contrary to what has previously been accepted by the courts as the law, and does that not infringe the making of law by Parliament?

Since there has been such confu-

Since there has been such confusion in the gress on this issue, will he confirm there are scores and scores of criminal offences on which no one has a right to get at the courts except with his consent, and that the courts do not say that this is a breach of the fundamental rights of the citizen?

Mr Silkin—On the first part, I must say this is a matter for the House of Lords in due course. The Court of Appeal appears, and I must give the judgment very much more thorough reading than I have been able to, to take the view that some part at any rate of the func-tion of the Attorney General had gone, had become obsolete. How far they went is a matter to which I have obviously got to pay very close regard.

On criminal offences which

require my consent, there are a large number of these. In some, I think, the requirement is obsolete. In many where the same sort of public interest and consideration exists in a case of this kind, my consent is required.

Mrs Wimifred Ewing (Moray and Nairn, Scot Nat)—If Parliament and the judiciary appear to be in conflict that is not good for any citizens' feeling of wellbeing. Howver difficult the decision was, it is a dangerous precedent if this House appears to challenge the independence of the judiciary.

As this House can change the law if it finds it does not like it, although simply for the motivation of someone about to commit a criminal offence is understandable, that does not mean that this House should in any way endorse the

Mr Silkin—I entirely agree with her that conflict between Parlia-ment or the executive and the courts, particularly Parliament, and the courts, is something to be avoided as much as it is possible to aworder as moch as it is possible to avoid it. I made that comment in the course of my observations to the Court of Appeal in this case. It must not be suggested, and I hope she was not suggesting it, that conflict can only arise through Decisionals or the executive belief Parliament or the executive taking action which the courts dislike.
The independence of Parliaments as fundamental as the independ-

ence of the courts. (Labour cheers.) That is why I adhere to the position is out merely that I would not but that I should not give my reasons to the courts in this case, but that I am perfectly prepared to give them to Parliament, as I have done. Dr Maurice Miller (East Kilbride.

Dr Maurice Miller (East kiloride, Lab)—There is a great deal of confusion in the mind of the public about this matter, confusion which arises from the legalese which blinds them to the issues. This is not an academic matter, much as people on both sides of the House arruse.

people on both sides of the House argue.

There is a feeling that a nation such as ours which believes in freedom, and apartheid freedom, and that if MPs had taken as big an interest in a matter of this kind in 1936 for example when the Hitler regime was running the Olympic Games in Berlin, many people in this country would have supported the Government as MPs on this side have an absolute confidence in the Attorney General in these questions. Mr Silkin-Of course I note that

there are the strongest possible feelings on the subject he has men-tioned. In my granting of consent or not granting consent to an application for my name to be used to obtain an injunction, the very strong feelings are of course relevant to the question of public interest and what is likely to happen if consent is granted and whether it will cause far more widespread damage to the community than if it is not. That is a matter of judg-

I believe I was right, from that particular part of my considera-tion, any Attorney General ought to have regard to. Where I 100 per cent agree with him is that there is much confusion, and it is not surprising, about the function of the relator action. Much more important is that we have here a constitutional issue of the highest importance and that constitutional force is whether the constitutional issue is whether the courts should deliberately change the law or whether Parllament should do so.

Mr Edward Gardner (South Fylie, C)—Whatever the legal niceties involved in this matter, would be not agree that as a Law Officer of the Crown he has a clear duty to do everything in his power to uphold the law and to assist those who are taking action to support the law? In his case he has failed in that duty. (Conservative cheers.) Mr Silkin-I entirely agree the first part of what he says and I equally strongly disagree with the second part, because the assump-

have been or in the future be a breach of the criminal law, so come what may, it is one's duty to take action in the courts.

That has never, as he well knows, been the attitude Attorneys General of any of the parties and it certainly was not the attitude of

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my predecessor. Mr Bernard Conlan (Gateshead, East, Lab)—Is it not clear that the atavistic provisions of the law require changing in order to pro-vide for the UPW to engage in ordinary genuine industrial action?

Mr Silkin—This is, of course, not a matter for me to pronounce on. I would hope that at some stage the House might in some way be informed why in 1971, when Sir G. Howe was saying, in so many words, that the purpose of section 133 of the Industrial Relations Act. was to reduce as far as possible the impact of the criminal law in in-dustrial relations and they were amending other parts of the law to give effect to that, they did not do something about this Act.

Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke (Darwen, C)—He has not said whether he is going to appeal to the House of Lords or whether he has any locus standi in this appeal or whether the UPW is going to appeal. appeal.

If there is any chance of that happening, is not all this discussion rather premature and rather unwice?

Mr Silkin-I have applied for, and been granted, leave to appeal to the House of Lords. If he were in

my shoes, I am sure he would wish
ny shoes, I am sure he would wish
to study the judgment before making a decision as to whether to
make an appeal. That I propose to been open to me to say that I

would make no statement until after the decision of the House of Lords. I felt it would be urrerly wrong to approach the matter in that way, and if I had done so, there would have been far stronger criticism for refusing to make a comment of the three has been far there. statement than there has been Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent, South,

Lab)—This case parallels closely that at Grunwick Processing Laboratories in my constituency when the same mational association sought an injunction against the Post Office workers union.

Fost Office workers' union.

After the last six months it appears to my constituents that law and order is used to protect one section of political opinion by right wing actions and on the other hand where the people of South Africa, and my constituents, are concerned, law and order is the last thing to be upheld. Mr Silkin—There was an entirely similar situation there—not iden-tical, but similar. I was asked ques-

tions about it in particular by Mr Neil Marten (Banbury, C) and I made it clear then that in my view the primary responsibility in rela-tion to the Post Office Act was the Post Office Board itself. Mr Reginald Maudling (Barnet,

Chipping Barnet, C)—Am 1 right in deducing these facts: a clear breach of the criminal law was planned, an individual tried to get the courts to prevent it, he tried to

coming because he felt that if he gave it, the damage wreaked on the general public would be severe.

Mr Silkin—1 am grateful for hi Mr Silkin—I am grateful for him summarizing the statement I made. I think it goes a little wider, but they are certainly part of the

Mr John Watkinson (West Glou-cestershire, Lab)—If the logic of the decision is followed and the views of the Opposition, it would mean the courts of this land will be inundated at every level as ordin-ary citizens pursue the right which

the Court of Appeal has foolishly defined.

All lawyers on this side of the House accept that he was correct to the course he pursued and lawyers on the Conservative sid know it as well. This matter must be decided by this Varietyment and not decided by this Parliament and not

the courts Mr Silkin—It is correct to say that if the safeguard of the need for the Attorney General's consent in these matters was simply dispensed with or if he was bound to give it in the circumstances mentioned then it could well be that both he and the courts would be flooded by all kinds of attempts to obtain remedies in those courts.

remedies in those courts.

But I do not think that the mere question of administrative conven-ience is the cardinal factor in all this. It is of great importance that the Attorney General should take a view of the public interest in cases of this kind.

There may be facts which may not be available to others, which indeed in some cases he may not even be able to give to this House, although one hopes that if chal-lenged he would always be in a position to do so.

one certainly cannot guarantee that that would always be so. That being the case, until Parliament has worked out—if it is riaced before Parliament to do so—the right way in which this public interest sieve can operate without the present antiquated methods of the Attorney General's fiat, it is right to follow the practice fol-lowed again and again by Attorneys General of both parties. Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab), on a point of order, asked the Speaker (Mr George Thomas) for a ruling on whether the Attorney General, in making an application to the House of Lords, would be doing so on behalf of the Commons as he

But the House of Lords was not mperent, furthermore, he said deal with the matter. Many believed this. The effect of today's judgment was to convert the judi-ciary into a political institution. The judges, instead of reaching a

(Mr Atkinson) believed would be

It is right (he said) that the House of Commons, as a democrat-ic institution, should come to some understanding on this constitu-tional issue and our appeal to Mr Silkin is not to make this appli-cation to the Lords but to come to the Commons first and allow us to debate the matter and decide if judges should be in a position to influence the whole democratic proceedings in this way. The Speaker—He has raised a

serious matter, Obviously there are wide issues involved and I would

Riot shields for London police if need arises Further change in cigarette People were concerned at the state of lawlessness in present day o

Preparatory work on The Government were fully com-

mitted to a wealth tax which they would bring in at the appropriate time, Mr Joel Barnett, Chief Secretime, nor joes samett, ther secre-tary to the Treasury, said.

The estimated yield of a 1 per cent tax would be about \$1.00m from individuals, together with a further amount, not readily quantifiable, from certain kinds of crusts. A considerable amount of paratory work had already done. This, together with other sould ensure that they would be ready with a suitable form of wealth tax at the appro-Mr David Howell, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury matters (Guildford, C)—There is a major

threat to jobs in small businesses because of the possibility of another wealth tax on top of the various threats of a so-called in-dustrial democracy. Will be reassure British business that there is to be no wealth tax in the foresee-able future, certainly not in this Barnett—He mischievously and grossly exaggerates the effect of the capital transfer tax and wealth tax on small businesses, certainly in the form we have in mind.

Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said he had always made it clear that he hoped to be able to reduce the burden of income tax in the next Budget. Raising the tax threshold should be a major

prices coming Mr Robert Sheldon, Financial

Secretary to the Treasury, replying to a series of written questions about the tax on cigarettes, stated that the Government were commit ted to the implementation of the EEC First Directive on Tobacco Taxation by January 1, 1978. This commitment, which (he said) was accepted by the Govern-

ment of the day on Accession, requires the United Kingdom to switch from a duty charged on the weight of tobacco used in the manufacture of cigarettes so a duty charged, at uniform rates, both on each cigarette irrespective of size each cigarette, irrespective of size, and on the retail value. Provision for the switch, which

This second step is likely to involve a further reduction in the range of cigarette prices in the United Kingdom, but the extent will depend upon the Chancellor's

Budget decision within the wider latitude provided by the directive and on how the major manufacturers respond. Any amendment to the first

directive to provide for a two-tier system on cigarettes, proposed by one United Kingdom tobacco group, would require first a proposal to that effect from the EEC Commission and second the manimous approval of member states.

on the prevention of crime.

He said it was the primary duty of a government to protect their cirizens. Few if any democratic governments could be said to be discharging that duty successfully today.

discharging that duty successfully today.

Certainly (he said) we in the United Kingdom are not and we have to face it. For a good many years our failure has become in.

There was a danger that they would come to take for granted acts of lawlessness which were once thought to be almost unthinkable. Teachers had been stabbed in the classrooms by their pupils, a prison had been seized and wrecked by prisoners, bombs had been left under cars, and even sporting events, such as football matches, had been ruined by scenes of senseless violence and destruction.

destruction.

The right steps as a start must lie in the treatment and upbringing of children and young people. It was in the home that they had falled as a nation and were failing. As a result they found that a common element in the back-ground of many young people who became involved in crime was the presence of an unhappy or unsatis-factory home background. It could not be said that such homes were associated wholly with poor living

In this connexion they should deal far more ruthlessly with the problems of truency. The Govern-

would also be made available at a

Mr Wyn Roberts (Conway, C)—In riew of the wide disparity between interest rates here and elsewhere in the world and the present in-

flows of hot money, is he con-cerned about the situation and what is he going to do about it?

Mr Healey—A good deal of the inflow, although it is not possible to identify it, is bound to reflect

the movinding of leads and lags

and the return of some of the money involved in financing third

countries' trade which is now ter-minating. The disparity in interest

rates is reducing week by week.

later date.

undermine educational moral and personal discipline.

Some people had gone too far in attempting to justify all destructive and disruptive tendencies in young people. There was all the difference in the world between young people being angry and critical of an imperfect society and belong ancoursed to become being encouraged to become wholly alienated from it. Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary (Leeds, South, Lab), said the level

of crime and its increase over the of crime and its increase over the past 10 years and longer was the cause of serious concern. Over the last three years the upward curve had been levelling out but the level was far too high. Offences of violence against the person and of criminal damage had increased in recent years at a faster rate than The Government were spending

The Government were spending 1250m more at constant prices on law, order and protective services than in the last year of the previous administration. Next year they would spend about the same as this year. On policemen and policewomen—the sharp end of the service—the Government would spend more next year than in this. These facts were sufficient to refure any suggestion the Government. refute any suggestion the Govern-ment were neglecting their respon-sibilities in this area. Violence, such as the throwing of bricks, stones, and bottles now had to be reckoned with which

had to be reckoned with which could cause injury to police officers. As a result he had agreed with proposals by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police that officers in London would be provided with protective shields if the need arises. the need arises.

The police, bowever, would continue to rely on traditional methods of keeping public order and they would only be each orized to use shields in circumstances where an incident could not be contained by traditional methods and where officers were subject to an unacceptably high risk of injury.

pressure of conditions into debat ing policies they thought soft. The Government planned to provide 4,500 extra prison places in the Mr Graham Page (Crosby, C) said crimes of wolence against the per-son had grown from 3,000 in 1948 to 71,000 a year. The birch should

to 71,000 a year. The orich should be brought back, as demanded by 750,000 people who signed a perition organized by a constituent, for mugging offences. These crimes were increasing at double the rate of other crimes. In some of our cities (he said) at

least streams of blood are flowing, the blood of victims of mugging and stabbing. We must do some-thing to stop these streams becoming rivers. It seems to me (he added) that

commonsense and experience proves that the effect of the sharp physical pain of a birching is in-deed a deterrent to the kind of coward who attacks the defence-less, the elderly, and the weak and that the courts ought to be given the discretion to impose such a sentence.
Mr Bruce George (Walsall, South,

Lab) said they needed to look at the way in which the private secur-ny industry had grown over the past 10 years. They should see how the industry operated, how it could be assisted and how it could be controlled. The industry itself was clamouring for some form of regis-tration and control. It had a part to play in the prevention of crime. Mr Edward Gardner (South Fylde, C) said Britain was in the unfor c) said Britain was in the infor-tunate position of finding ber prison rules criticized by the Euro-pean Court of Human Rights. If by making the rules over-restrictive they gave cause for increased ten-sion they did not help security but underwined it. The Home Secreundermined it. The Home Secretary should look at the rules; as they had been looked at in other Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St

lity and moving into the area of industrial strife. There had been pressures for the Police Federation to join the TUC and take unto itself the power to exercise its industrial muscle.

We are close to a position (he said) where the old constraints that exerted themselves upon the police service for many years are diminishing rapidly. The Home Secretary has moved into the situa-tion and I hope that by his inter-vention be will be able to save the situation before it gets out of

Mr Alan Clark (Plymouth, Sutton, C) said the time had come to consider reviving the deterrent ele-ment in the penal code. There was a case for short sentences which were genuinely severe and deter

Mr Edward Taylor, for the Opposition (Glasgow, Cathcart, C), said the crime situation was deteriorating at a serious rate. There had been a dramatic upsurge in crime, particularly in crimes of violence and crimes by young people. In Glasgow some time ago there was an appailing outbreak of razor

stashing which was elimated by imposing stiff penalties. There was ample evidence that corporal punishment would deter crime. There was also a need to review the present penalty for murder. Mr Bruce Milian Secretary of State for Scotland (Glasgow, Craigton, Lab), said the Government recognized that in the fight against crime the police had the most important part to play. Nothing that had been said or done by the Government or previous Labour Governments could be demonstrated to be in any way

detrimental to that proposition. The debate was concluded.

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Borth-y-Gest, movthe provision in in offences triable ried summarily if sed is small), said

hanging the law by is right had not If the amendment the south-east. would restore and existing right. It

Current estimates showed that

een unmindful of the strength of feeling in all parts of this House at second reading, and which has been expressed strongly in the Commons, and public comment from all quarters of the political compass, that apparently at all costs this right to trial by jury for small thefts must be maintained.

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the magistrates' courts. The employee, the retired army officer, the shop steward or the professional man who was alleged

The Lord Chancellor said it was vital that important and significant changes in the criminal law should carry public support and that public confidence in the courts should be maintained.

have amounted to a substantial relief of the amount of pressure of work on the Crown court would not be available.

The amendment was agreed to. Lord Wigoder (L) moved an amendment to raise from £100 to £200 the amount up to which crim-inal damage cases could only be

Next week Business in the House of Commons will be: Commons will be:

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Child Espectic Scheme. Motions on
Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations.
FRIDAY: Employe Investmen Bill.
Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment; Bill, and other private members' Bills, socond reading.

ment Bill second reading and remaining stages Criminal Law Bill, committee stage. WIDNESDAY: Debate on problems of retrement.
THURSDAY: Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill. committee stage. Bill of Rights Bill, second reading.

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will contribute.

On private sterling balances, it is not possible at this moment to identify the proportion of currency coming into this country recently belonging to British residents and that which belongs to foreigners.

But it it is necessary to the fun.

Mr Peter Horders (Horsham and Crawley, C)—He must know that present sterling balances held by private holders has little to do with leads and lags but a great deal to do with foreign buying of git-edged securities and this is because

Mr Healey—He obviously thinks he

Edmunds, C) said there was more discontent in the police service

Mr Healey—He obviously thinks he knows a lot more about the makeup of recent inflows than I do. He
may be right, but his record in the
past gives me little confidence that
this is the case. (Labour laughter.)
I remember being told by
Conservative MPs on many occasions in the recent past that there
was no possibility whatever of interest rates coming down in a terest rates coming down in a timescale which would ensure that the increase in October did not have a damaging effect on private

C)—Is he still fully aware of the need to cut public borrowing in order to cut interest rates and the

He has said that he is not anxious to encourage the inflow of such funds. Our anxiety is that the worst thing would be to have a barrier of exchange controls

against incoming money and a bar-rier of exchange controls to stop money going out. We would wel-

Mr Healey He mixes up four or five things there. We have already taken steps to reduce the amount of money the Government require to borrow. The extent of the reduction has been welcomed by foreign markets as shown by the recent strength of sterling, the inflow of money into this country, and the reduction of interest rates. These all reflect the success of the measures I announced last December, which at the time were denigrated by the Opposition Front

On exchange control, he must make up his mind whether he wants to keep the money supply under control as we have or whether he wants these things to happen as they did under the Opposition and allow the money There is no doubt we have

targets to which we committed ourselves last year.

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re facing increases inevitably resulted the case loads for levels. :,000 people a year trial in charges of property under and this involved uit judges. commodation

n tests.

It was not perfect, but it was of high quality. Recent statistics did not show that magistrates were more prosecution-minded than

They were suffering from con-tinuing delays in the bringing of cases to trial in the Crown courts. The current average waiting time between committal and trial of defendants was 19.3 weeks in Lon-don, 13.1 weeks in the rest of the south-east circuis, and 7.5 weeks for England and Wales, excluding for England and Wales, excluding

Nevertheless (he said) I have not

I am conscious that public confi-dence in our system in the administration of justice is of cruadministration of justice is of the ciad importance and if insistence on what is proposed in the clause does risk diminishing that confidence, I acknowledge that the best ter course would seem to be to

Lord Wigoder (L) said he did not believe that the proposals made in the Bill would, outside the southeast region, in any way assist the Crown courts, and would materially add to the burden on

a long criminal record.

Business in the House of Lords

1976, will have to be carried to completion in the next Finance

associated whonly with poor name conditions.

There were many good reasons for dealing with urban deprivation in the big clates, but they detuded themselves if they imagined they could buy successful family backgrounds simply by spending money. Teachers should be encouraged to enforce disciplines and stand-ards which might be lacking in the

ards which might be facing in the home and they deserved far more support than they got from society as a whole when they did so. Teachers despite the many pressures on them had a responsibility positively to help those children whom they knew had unhappy and difficult backgrounds. difficult backgrounds.

Statement on sterling balances next month

lity for official sterling balances were being worked out and it was hoped to make further information available by about the middle of next month, said Mr Denis Healey, be pursuing a policy of preventing such as occurrence and this was the point of the safety net?

Mr Healey—I think he is mixing up two things. The purpose of the safety net is to protect sterling against a possible further rundown of official balances—a rundown that we want to encourage—to Chancellor of the Exchequer, at The main features of the new facility for official sterling balances were as described in his balances were as described an instatement on January 11. Details of the terms and other aspects of the foreign currency bonds that were to be offered to official bolders that we want to encourage—to which the foreign currency bonds

But if it is necessary to take fur-ther action to discourage these inflows, we shall take it.

Meanwhile, we have already
made clear that we have no intention of using such inflows as a means of financing our current account deficit. The best evidence Mr Peter Hordern (Horsham and Mr John Walkinson (West Gloucestershire, Lab) — Having achieved this welcome safety net for sterling, would it not be Indic-rous for the Government to fall

industry in Britain.
He will have seen that since October interest rates have already come down by 1.75 per cent and also read the newspaper opinions of what might happen later this Sir Geoffrey Howe, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (East Surrey.

dangers of maintaining high in-terest rates and the damage that they could do to private industry in this country?

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> outside Loudon magistrates could offer notably speedier justice than the Crown courts. There must be a limit in the capacity of the Bar and solicitors to provide the right quality of judges to man the Crown courts at the rate of increase of recent years.

to have committed an offence of dishonesty up to the value of 120 had as much right to trial by jury as the bank robber who might have

In all the circumstances, the pro-per course was for the House to accept the amendment, even though it meant that what could

dealt with summarily. He said the proposal in the Bill was that offences of criminal damage should be triable summarily only if the damage was 100 or less. Offences of crimical damage were in a quite different category from those of dishonesty. There was not the same social

a plate glass window. Costs being what they were these days, amounts in excess of 100 could quickly be reached. No harm could possibly be done if the limit was raised by 100 to 200. It might assist in a small way in easing the burden on the Crown court. The Lord Chancellor said he

The typical criminal damage case was that of the drunk who succeeded in putting his foot through

thought a case could be made out for increasing the 100 figure. The James Committee were uncertain of what the appropriate figure should be. As the amendment would also assist to a small extent in reducing the burden of work on the Crown court he was happy to support it.
The amendment was agreed to. The committee stage was House adjourned, 7.37 pm.

European convention on terrorism signed by 17 states

the Repression of Terrorism mentions extradition as a parti-was solemnly signed this morn-cularly effective means to that ing in the new Palais de l'Europe in Strasbourg by the foreign ministers of 17 member countries of the Coun-

cil of Europe.
Only Malta and Ireland refused to endorse the document. Four countries—France, Norway, Italy and Portugal expressed reservations. France said it would not ratify the convention until the agreement on terrorism which is under preparation in the European Community was ready.

A French statement on the convention said any persecuted person had the right of asylum. Norway and Italy reserved the right to use article; 13 which enables signatories to refuse extradition under certain conditions. Porunder certain conditions. Por-rugal said it would not extradite anyone acting for solely political motives or to a country where capital punish-ment still existed.

The reasons for the refusal of Malta to sign were not disclosed. Ireland's refusal is because of a constitutional dif-

The convention adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Council of Europe in November was described in the assembly yesterday by Mr failed to consult the assembly Einar Agustsson, the Foreign in drafting it.

Minister of Iceland, as "the maximum juridical instrument which could be achieved in Council of Ministers of the Council of Europe had conpresent circumstances ".

The convention expresses the pious wish that "effective measures be taken to ensure

From Charles Hargrove that the authors of acts of ter-Paris, Jan 27 rorism do not escape prosecu-tion and punishment", and it

In the debate in the assembly, several speakers argued out that the document was not sufficiently strong. It was deprived of any real force, they said, by the sovereignty and reservation clauses which enable member countries to refuse extradition if they regard the acts of terrorism

The assembly adopted a report by M Margue (Christian Luxembourg) asking for the speedy implementation

of the convention.

He criticized the lack clarity in the definition political crimes. In order to exclude all risks of a political refugee being handed over, he said, it was necessary for all member states to acknowledge the right of individual appeal to the European Commission on Human Rights, and the suspen-sive character of such appeals.

The French and Italian Communist members of the assembly voted against the report on the grounds that the convention did not seem to them a "real instrument for The text was very confused and the Council of Ministers had

In this connexion, M Margue stated in his report that the Council of Ministers of the Council of Europe had consulted the assembly only 80 times in 27 years, and mostly on miner matters.

Giscard choice offers to quit Paris contest

proposed by President Giscard d'Estaing to seek the mayoralty of Paris today offered to with-draw his name to head a split in the government coalition over who should stand for the

office.
M Michel D'Orano, Minister of Industry said he would withdraw from the battle if the quarrelling coalition parties could agree on a suitable com-promise candidate.

The dispute began last week when M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader and former Prime Minister, announced that he would seek the mayoralty in the March municipal elections, despite President Giscard d'Estaing's selection of M d'Ornano for the post. M Chirac said he was standing because he had the best chance of de-feating the left wing candidate

M d'Ornano's offer to withdraw was announced in a com-munique from the office of Kaymond Barre, the Prime Minister, who was appointed by the President to act as a media-

Paris, Jan 27.—The candidate attend. In a letter to the Prime

The sharply-worded com-muniqué from M Barre's office

the meeting today.

M Barre said the battle over the Paris post was deplorable and it could jeopardize the success of his anti-inflation

Minister last summer after a policy dispute with M Giscard d'Estaing. His decision to seek the Paris post has been widely interpreted as a direct challenge tech.

The President yesterday made it plain that he was asking M Chirac to withdraw when he sternly told the Cabinet:
"Agitation and improvisation will not make France a modern

M Giscard d'Estaing then arre to try the conflict between the coalition parties—M Chirac's revi-

Caution over | Strike over Madrid ban on protests

From Our Correspondent Madrid, Jan 27

As Argentine political activist was ordered to be held "in preventive arrest" today by a Madrid magistrate who is investigating police allegations that the man was an accomplice to homicide in the shooting of a 19-year-old student

The activist, Senor Jorge Cesarsky, leader of a Peronist organization called Justicialista organization called Justicialista Self-Defence, was brought before the magistrate as emergency measures went into effect to halt a wave of ter-rorism. He is closely associated with far right elements of the Spanish Falange.

Leaders of the opposition, for the most part, have adopted a wait and see attitude over the ban on demonstraover the ban on demonstra-tions and other measures announced by the Government last night. A spokesman for the Popular Socialist Party epi-tomized the views of many others when he told me: "The measures are valid if they help to create the conditions for democratic progress, if they help to create an atmosphere of calm. But it is worth put-ting the question: 'Will this be enough?'".

He claimed that it would be He claimed that it would be easy for the Government to "neutralize certain persons" and block Government funds, which he alleged were being "channelled into right-wing subversion". However, he admitted: "The Government is in a delicate situation."

pensions under a new law.

At one point there were esti-mated to be 3,000 blind in and

around the Palazzo Chigi. Scores of police in full riot

equipment with tear gas at the ready sealed off the roads

adjacent to the seat of govern-

French wage policy

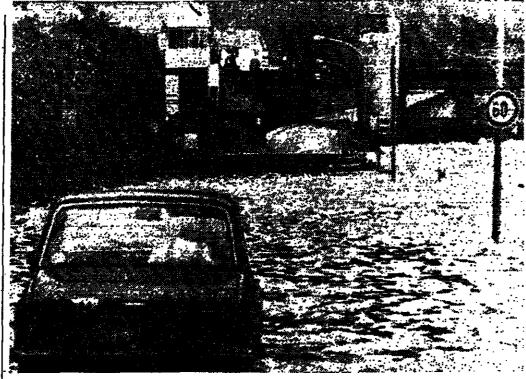
teachers, dustmen, postmen, air-line crews and customs officers -staged a 24hr strike today in a new upsurge of labour unrest against the Government's auster-

out. Their unions said only eight of a scheduled 100 flights were expected to get into the air. The Paris Opera and other subsidized theatres cancelled performances planned for to-night because of a strike by

to the plan of M Barre, the Prime Minister, to peg wage rises this year to cost-of-living increases.—Reuter.

Nato unable to agree on plane

experts from Nato countries ended a two-day meeting here today without apparently hav-ing made any substanial progress towards agreement on how to find the \$2,400m (£1,400m) required for the purchase of a new American-designed radar surveillance system for Western Europe.



Water from the Neckar river, swollen by heavy rains and thawing snow, flows through the streets of Heidelberg in West Germany.

EEC makes war on food prices

Brussels, Jan 27 Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the recently-appointed Euro-pean Commissioner for Agri-culture, tonight fired the open-ing salvo in a new battle to hold down key EEC farm and food prices food prices.

In a tough speech delivered at the opening of the "Green Week" in Berlin, he made it clear that farmers could no longer count on large annual price increases for their dairy produce, "We face a choice", he said. "We can either opt for price moderation or we can allow ourselves to be drawn into a series of righter and tighter controls on milk production. For me there is no doubt that prudence over price increases is the best course".

Mr Gundelach's remedy for the growing milk surpluses in the Community tallies closely with that of the British Government and marks a radical change in Brussels thinking under the leadership of Mr Roy Jenkins, the new president of the European Commission. Previous commissions argued that production cuts were the

ing the present limited floating

of their currencies, and return to fixed exchange rates within

be a convergence of the dispar-

goal of a common currency and monetary system by 1980. Mr Jenkins was interviewed

for public television here in a

programme to be broadcast to-morrow. He came to his

ing to the advance transcript, when pressed how he would improve European-American ccoperation, with his own four-year term depicted by the

interviewer as running parallel with President Carter's admini-

"I want to have a greater

degree of coordination of economic policies in order that

we can try and get over some

of the difficulties which exist at present", he said. One prob-

lem was the lack of success in replacing the Bretton Woods system of fixed exchange rates.

was a good deal to be said for the discipline of fixed rates.

What the United States does

is a matter for the United States, but I think it is very

Liege, Belgium, Jan 27.—A 39-year-old Belgian mother of four who was accused of axing her husband to death was sentenced to three years in

prison here today.

The woman, who speaks German, was tried by a French-language court, the proceedings of which had to be translated to her by an interpreter

Woman jailed

for killing

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Mr Jenkins seeks return

to fixed exchange rates

reasonably near future " at end- kins said: " I would not dis-

But in spite of his vagueness it sounded as if Mr Jeukins were embracing the old Commission

Americans remember the EEC was not just a common market:

"It is about politics. It is about

in the market place is a very risky business indeed." Nevertheless price Modera-tion must be introduced and maintained over a reasonable period, he said. "We owe it to our farmers to avoid sudden changes in their working and living conditions. We must give our farmers the chance to switch to more viable forms of agricultural or other produc-

This was the essence of the modified and strengthened agricultural structural policy the Community needed. Mr Gundelach said. In addition, it required strengthened regional policies designed to overcome geographical imbalances.
Other difficulties facing the

common agricultural policy had resulted from the up-heaval in the general economic situation, including low economic activity, unemployment, balance of payments difficul-ties and last but not least In this context the present

for this context the present system of "green currencies" (like the green pound) helped to avoid reductions in pro-ducer incomes or sharp rises Bitterly attacking the one ducer incomes or sharp rises million ton skimmed milk in consumer prices. But while mountain and rising butter this protection was necessary surpluses, Mr Gundelach said in the short term "it is wrong this state of affairs was bad to think that the mechanism for the Community because of can hold off forever the effects

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Americans remember the EEC

"It is about politics. It is about making Europe a more secure place to live, and therefore when you are dealing with new

applicants, countries where democracy has been reestablished, where it has not been present or secure recently,

then one has to take into account the politics of this just

He made a similar point about communism in Italy. "I

think that one of the strengths in the Italian position is that

Italy is part of Europe. I would be far more pessimistic about the Italian political future,

about the growth of Italian communism of Italy going over

and becoming a communist

state, were it not for the links

with Europe. I think we have got to try and maintain Italy firmly in the democratic fold.

as much as the economics."

the high costs involved and of monetary changes, whether bad for farmers themselves, they flow from revaluations or "A business that has no basis devaluations".

This stricture is not likely to strike a sympathetic chord with Mr John Silkin, the British Minister for Agriculture, who is in Berlin for the annual farm trade fair. For several months he has been strenously resisting any devaluation of the green pound because of its impact on food prices and the

Aligning himself firmly with traditional Brussels thinking, he argued that the maintenance of the green currency system beyond its proper short-term role led to "grow short-term role led to "grow-ing budgetary tensions". If nothing was done the system would cost four times as much this year as it did in 1973.

Equally serious was the way in which the green currencies distorted trade between members. These distortions in turn tempted governments to add further distortions "as we have seen recently in the case of Britain and its pig producers", he said in a reference to the new Whitehall subsidies which Brussels is strenuously which Brussels is strenuously CORRESTING.

"By allowing the misuse of this monetary protection, therefore, the Community risks the break-up of our common farm market. This is something we must fight to prevent."

Portuguese Socialists Washington, Jan 27 Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the EEC Commission, suggests in a television interview here that the Nine's member countries should aim "in the reasonably near future" at endexpel four

From Richard Wigs Lisbon, Jan 27

Portugal's governing Socia-list Party has expelled four party members, including two deputies, for "acts of grave of fixed exchange rates within Community. ... will create problems, a deputies, for "acts of grave problem, too, so far as what he a convergence of the dispar
We call the decision-making and prestige of the party." and prestige of the party ".

All four belong to the party's trade union left-wing which lost a battle against Dr Mario Soares, the Prime Minister and party secretary gen-eral, at last November's party congress.

The chief figure is Senhor Aires Rodrigues, who until November held a key party post as national secretary responsible for labour effairs.

The group today gave a press conference here at which they declared that the expulsions were "unacceptable" and accused the Socialist Party Locarchia of haring taken up a leadership of having taken up a social democratic position with-out baving obtained democratic endorsement for this from the party congress.

A party spokesman denied that last week's public warning by the party to members on a Trotskyire infiltration attempts had prejudged the dissidents case. The expulsion Mr Jenkins refused to be order confined itself to acts of alleged internal party indiscip-

He had never, in the daunted by the interviewer's "British context", believed in concern about an EEC crisis. floating rates, he thought there "There's a certain sense of "There's a certain sense of check at the present time," he conceded. "But unless you are willing to try and achieve something, you will never achieve anything at all."

Since November Dr Soares has given short shrift to dissidents, arguing that the problems of the Government must not be aggravated by disputes inside his party.

Vatican sees no place for

A declaration published by the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith states clearly that "The Catho-lic Church has never felt that priestly or episcopal ordination can validly be conferred on

of St Teresa of Avila who is mentioned in the document as one of the foundresses of great religious families. Sainthood is one thing, the document makes is added, remained faithful to

various Protestant communities could change and what must had been admitting women to remain immutable. "When the pastoral office. For this she judges that she cannot reason the Catholic Church accept change, it is because had to make its thicking she knows that she is bound

Rome, Jan 27
The Vatican today confirmed its total objection to the idea of ablowing women to enter the priesthood.

A declaration tely and courageously broke with it." Hence, it is argued that it is

all the more remarkable that Jesus did not entrust the apos-tolic charge to women. "Even his mother, who was so closely associated with the mystery of her son, and whose incomparable role is emphasized by the Gospels of Luke and John, was not invested with the apostolic

The apostolic community, it the priesthood is the attitude of Jesus towards

known.

"Jesus Christ did not call Her attitude, therefore, is not any woman to become part of one of archaism but of fidelithe twelve", the document ity: it can truly be understood only in this light.

OVERSEAS.

Rhodesia ruling party backs Smith plan for internal settlement

Salisbury, Jan 27
Mr Smith, the Prime Minister, today gained a vote of confidence from the national executive of the roling Rhodesian Front for his efforts to reach an internal settlement with Rhodesian Africans which will involve changing the country's

However, he apparently did so by sticking to the principle rather than the details of the

changes he plans.
The 100-strong executive, consisting of the 50 Rhodesian Front MPs and officials from every constituency, issued a statement affirming their loyalty to Rhodesia, reaffirming their confidence in the Prime Minister and Cabinet and reiterating the view of the party's last congress that Mr Smith should have full authority to negotiate a settlement that would "secure a stable future for all Rhodesians". Mr Smith emerged from the

three-hour meeting to say that a responsible discussion had been held and that he had won the party's support.
It is believed that the Rho-

desian leader faced suspicion and opposition from a section of the caucus led by Mr Des Frost, the party chairman, which opposes any relaxation of racially discriminatory legis-

down by not going into the detail of the Government's plans on either the political negotiations or the race law reforms. Party sources said the mandate was given on the principle rather than the detail of the Government's plans. S African

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Cape Town, Jan 27
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An indication of the Government's intentions has been given by Mr Pieter van der Byl, the Minister of Foreign Affairs. He has said he believes all racially discriminatory legislation should be abo tory legislation should be abo-lished, and that the Govern-ment should attempt to nego-tiate with Bishop Abel Muzorewa's African Nationalist faction and with the newly formed Zimbabwe United Peo-ple's Organization (Zupo). Zupo is led by two chiefs who were until recently members were until recently members of the Government.

So far at least Bishor Muzorewa has insisted that he will not participate in any in-ternal settlement, and has called for the "unconditional surrender" of the Rhodesian

Zupo claims leadership of the country's Africans by virtue of the tribal system. It has indicated its willingness to begotiate and has called for the removal of racial discrimination, but is vague in its attitude to the removal of the contribute to the contribute t

Fake suicide | Call for of African not ruled out | force

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg, Jan 27 The deaths in prison cells of two Africans came under official scrutiny today. Since March last year 14 blacks have died while being detained under security laws.

In Cape Town, an inquest on Luke Mazwembe, who died two hours after being put into a cell at Cape Town police headquarters last September, was told that his apparent suicide might have been faked. Dr G. J. Knobel said he could not exclude the possibi-lity that Mazwembe was killed

first and then hanged to fake a suicide. The abrasions on his neck were compatible with both explanations.

Police Sergeant Carel Steen-kamp said Mazwembe was found hanged from strips of a blanker which were tied to a window frame. A razor blade found in the cell might have been used to cut up the blan-

Mazwembe was detained in a raid on the Guguletn African township and held for questioning about alleged incitement to commit urban ter-

James Kruger, the Minister of Police and Justice, said an inrestigation had been ordered into the circumstances in which a detainee's body was interfered with before an independent pathologist could conduct a post mortem exami-nation.

Dr Jonathan Gluckman had been commissioned to carry out the examination by the family of Dr Nabaoth Nesbuntsha who was found hanged in a police cell at Leslie, west of Johannesburg, on January 9. He declined to do it when the body was found to have been cut already by a mortuary attendant policeman without a doctor being present.

"This is contrary to all recognized conduct in mortuaries and infinitely more so in cases of unnatural death",

"It was, therefore, impossible for sible for me to carry out a thorough and complete examination. Any conclusions I might have drawn would have been based on features which may have been masked and would, therefore, be unreli-able."

Church arrests: Police have arrested 32 members of the Comrades " student movement which began during unrest in the Cape's African township last year (our Cape Town Correspondent writes). Seventeen of them were seized in a church in Langa township,

pan-African

Lusaka, Jan 27.-The Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) called today for the creation of a Pan African defence force to counter "aggression" by the white minority government of southern Africa.

Mr William Eteki-Mboumona told Western correspondents he would put this proposal to the OAU liberation committee, meeting here next week to dis-cuss ways of intensifying the guerrilla struggle in view of Salisbury's rejection of the latest Rhodesian settlement proposals.

The idea would then go before the OAU defence council, also meeting here from February. ary 5. said the force's main

would be to prevent Rhodesian incursions into Mozambique and possibly Botswana and South African raids into south-ern Angola. Such protection would enable nationalist guer-rillas to operate more easily from secure bases.

He did not specify whether the projected force would be permanently stationed in the five black African "front-line" s bordering Rhodesia. He foresaw an enlargement

Africa's interest out actions. It i taken for granted of the present arrangement under which Tanzanian forces Africa will take par on the side of the are assisting their Mozambican suits us, we can r | tral." counterparts.



Shridath Ramphal, Commonwealth Secretary 6 Marlborough House, London, yesterday and took

Advance south of Syrian troops worries Israelis From Moshe Brilliant

Tel Aviv, Jan 27

Officials responsible for points, A so foreign relations and security the pu foreign relations and security the purpose was to disarm the convened suddenly here today local forces, as claimed, it after receipt of a message from Washington regarding the advance of Syrian forces in Lebation closer to the Israel border. The meeting in the Prime Minister's office was also attended by the ministers of foreign affairs and defence and by the Chief of Staff. Officials said that Washing-

ton was offering its good offices concerning Israel's demand that the Syrians return to positions they beld before their advance this week to the area of Nabatiya, nine miles from Israel's north-eastern border. But they declined ern border. But they declined to say whether the message from Washington represented

a break in the situation.

Israel's position is that the Syrian advance broke the status quo and was not so
much a military threat to
Israel but a threat to balance
and stability.
According to information

According to information Assad, president of the reaching here, a Syrian in-Chamber of Deputies, that fantry battalion of the Arab Israel might use the deploypeacekeeping force reached the outskirts of Nabatiya but did south as a reason for crossing not enter the city. The force into Lebanon.

was said to have deployed at cross roads and other strategic A source here said that if

would be reasonable to expect the Syrians to withdraw shortly, after completing the mission. border area

reported quiet today and there was no unusual Israeli military activity. This was in marked contrast to the situation in November when the Israelis paraded tanks and armoured personnel carriers along the border in broad daylight after of the Patriotic Fr the Syrians had talked of Joshua Nkomo and advancing the peace keeping forces in Lebanon southward. Beirut: The United States has advised Lebanon to tread carefully in sending peacekeeping forces into the sensitive southern part of the country, several newspapers reported

They said that Mr George Lane, the American charge d'affaires yesterday told Presi-dent Sarkis, Dr Hoss, the Prime Minister and Mr Kamal

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M Barre held discussions with leading politicians earlier today but M Chirac did not today but M Chirac did

Paris, Jan 27.—Thousands of state employees — including

ity programme.
An estimated 50,000 demon-Bastille to the Palais Royal carrying banters calling on the Government to open negotiations on bigger wage increases. Air France was paralysed as its ground and air crews walked

their staff.

The mass demonstration through the streets was aimed at underkining labour opposition

Brussels, Jan 27.—Financial

Afflicted jog conscience of Rome

The centre of Rome was blocked today by the blind and deaf and dumb who mounted a "March of Grief" on the of his friends, he delivered his and the blind. Prime Minister's offices to exspeech in energetic signpress solidarity towards cripples threatened with loss of their

A cry went up for more noise in order to impress the authorities with their presence. Some shouted: whistles blew, there were songs and chants. The deaf and dumb loudly clapped their bands and stamped their The essential grievance today

From Our Own Correspondent transport tickets for the beyond which pensions for the handicapped could not be A representative of the deaf claimed from 1,600,000 lire and dumb harangued the main (£1,000) a year to more than entrance to the Prime Minister's double but it was made applicoffices. Carried on the shoulders able only to the deaf and dumb The leaders of their national

Under Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, and also saw representatives of the three main parties in the Chamber of Deputies. They agreed to call off the demonstration after promises of improvement and an underment.

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women. The document, which bears the Pope's imprimatur, is dated October 15, the feast day

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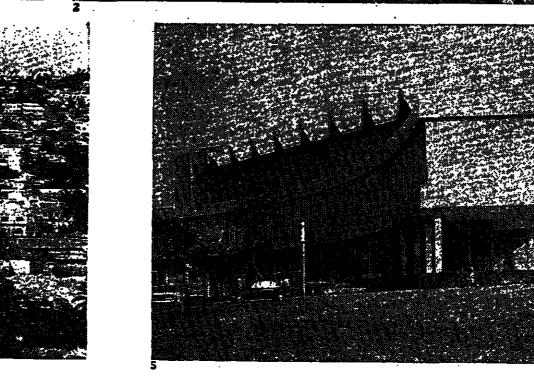
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Togo celebrates ten years of progress

When independence came, these shortcomings obviously made it impossible to implement any policy of growth. Moreover, the colonial administration had systematically destroyed the tradistration and had

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ZYADEMA'S administra-

· understand the importd significance which we

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made no attempt to retain anything that could be salvaged.

While progress has been made, there is still a long way to go before good administration can finally be achieved.

finally be achieved.

Not everything was bad under colonial rule, of course; to its credit could be placed the emergence of certain individuals who would later make up the political sectors of society, as well as the opening out of our people to the outside world and the awakening of a national awareness. Nevertheless, by rejentlessly pursuing its logic—maintaining local peoples in a state of servitude, ignorance and exploitation—colonialism was at the same time signing its own death warrant. The consequence was to be our country's acquisiwas to be our country's acquisi-tion of its independence in the

Before independence, public opinion in our country was divided among several political opinions. Despite the diverging methods that they advocated, all had fought to shake off the colonial yoke. None of them, however, had been able to draw up plans that could meet the situation during the period following independence. Indeed, it seemed that they believed that all the evils afflicting the country would automatically be eliminated once independence had been achieved. The parties did been achieved. The parties did not understand that independnot understand that independence is only a means to an end, an essential milestone, but no more than a milestone, on the road to the greater good of economic independence.

The achievement of independence was accompanied by a state of euphoria, but the prob-lems were so complex that lems were so complex that inter-party rivalries rose to the surface again. There was little improvement in the economic situation, for no coherent efforts senetrating further into us, so that the hinter-timued to be cut off. ence of these roads in helped to improve the e people who lived in us. situation. To no concrete errors were adopted to lead the country out of its state of under-development. There were no plans to reform the administrative structure inherited from colonial days. The situation inevitably led to an impasse, characterized by victimization. characterized by victimization, the paying off of old scores and arbitrary detention reminiscent of the unhappy colonial period. Three years after independence, the people were ready to destroy what they had welcomed with such fervour. It was at this point that the army, viewing the situation as intolerable, inter-vened in public affairs for the first time. To the general sur-prise, however, it decided to hand power back to the civilians. The reason was that the Togolese army had never had any political aspirations; its inten-tion had always been to act as an arbitrator between the poli-tical parties in any serious

> A new team was therefore in-stalled. Strangely enough, the new leaders learned nothing from the past. They falled to tackle the country's economic problems. the country's economic problems, administrative reform, infra-structure, modernization of agri-culture or the use of arable land On the contrary, political prob-lems still engaged their atten-tions more than plans that might help the people to feed itself and to live better. Political

conflict.

cerned with the national interest than with partisan activities—was forced to step into the political arena, taking over power on January 13, 1967, with a view to setting national policy on a better course.

The will gradually increase.

While the production of crops that can be exported for industrial use is to expand, the people are being encouraged to increase their output of food products so that our country will not be dependent upon foreign sources

better course.

Ouce in power, the government presided over by General Eyadema set about solving the vital problems that were acting as a brake upon the country's normal progress. One of its first decisions was to dissolve all the political parties, which were no more than the seat of dis-cord and dissension. Compared with previous years, there was a marked improvement in our budget, which had never been an expansionist budget and which, moreover, produced a deficit each year, offset by sub-sidies to balance incoming payments against expenditure.
In the political field, active efforts were undertaken to achieve reconciliation. Political prisoners were released from detention; today Togo is one of the very few countries in the

African continent in which nobody is arrested for his Peace has returned and citizens can go about their occupations freely. The army, formerly exploited and deliberately pitted against the people by the politicians, has regained its confidence and has gradually become an integral part of society to the integral part of society, to the point at which the distinction between civilians and the military has now become blurred.

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A dynamic policy of openmindedness towards and cooperation with any state that respects
our sovereignty has been instituted, and a liberal code has
been formulated to encourage
foreign investors provided that
they do not despoil our country.

It was, however, also essential
to bridge the political gap that to bridge the political gap that had been created by the dissolu-tion of the former political bodies. On August 30th, 1959, in Palime, the head of state called Palime, the head of state called upon all the Togolese to come together in a movement—not a party—of national unity. This appeal led three months later to the formation of the "Rassemblement du Peuple Togolais" in Lomé. This very popular movement—its members include almost the whole of the Togo people—is a focal point for discussion and a school of civic people—is a focal point for discussion and a school of civic education, in which all the nation's problems are examined in a spirit of sincere and outspoken cooperation. The R.P.T. has now created the peace without which the new Togo could not continue. Women, who played an important role in the struggle for national liberation in the past, have come together in a movement that marches under the banner of the R.P.T., the "Union Nationale des Femmes du Togo ". For their part, young people have ceased to be members of the petry group owing allegiance outside Togo and have formed the movement known as "Jennesse du Rassamblement du Baunda Togolais". emblement du Peuple Togolais (J.R.P.T.).

has achieved unity once again and has acquired new impetus by its participation in efforts to hring about national recovery. It has now taken the name of Confederation Nationale des ravailleurs du Togo In the agricultural sector, plans for reform have been

adopted with a view to making

Finally, the union movement

trial use is to expand, the people are being encouraged to increase their output of food products so that our country will not be dependent upon foreign sources for its supply of essential foods. The development of agriculture should lead to the creation of agricultural/industrial units that will provide work for some of the unemployed in rural areas. At present, rural depopulation and the inrush of population to the towns, particularly the capital, are creating social problems.

In education, the aim that we In education, the aim that we should set ourselves today is to assume full responsibility for our sovereignty by educating a new type of Togolese, with broad intellectual horizons and morally capable of taking a more active share in building up his nation. There must be popular education, education that is intended for every sector of society without any form of discrimination, with the highest standards. To achieve this objective, General Eyadema's government has introduced a programme of reform which will provide compulsory education for all Togolese children up to the age of 15 once the material situation has made this possible. The national university has been carrying out its traditional tasks of developing the imagination, promoting a transonal tasks or developing the imagination, promoting a spirit of rationality and instilling a taste for research; since 1972, it has also been reorganizing its curricula so that they lead to diplomas that can be used immediately as soon as they are obtained

immediately as soon as they are obtained.

The same sort of efforts have been made in the health sector. Each of our regions now has a regional hospital centre, while health centres are being set up throughout the country. National schools are training staff at various levels who will be able to cope with local conditions.

One of the most important achievements of the EYADEMA administration has been our country's acquisition of control of its mining resources, having been faced with the lack of understanding and lack of goodwill shown by our former partners. This decision was a reason for the attempt on the life of the head of State, but today the Compagnie Togolaise des Mines du Bénin has become a 100° Togolese holding.

To inject new life in our countred scenome a policy has obtained.

To inject new life in our country's economy, a policy has been introduced of building been introduced of building major public works throughout the Republic, thus creating new jobs. The capital, Lomé, has been radically changed. Its sanitation has been improved and the approach of the rainy season is no longer dreaded by its people. A magnificent hall seating three thousand, a symbol of the R.P.T., has been built in Lomé, the third of its kind in of the R.P.T., has been built in Lomé, the third of its kind in the world. The hall is already familiar to many heads of state and foreign statesmen; it has been used for an impressive number of international conferences, and these will continue to make their mark on the course of events in Africa and the world over the next few the world over the next few years. It was in this hall that the Lome convention was signed linking 46 African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP's) with the time EEC states, as well as the protocol agreements attached to the Lagos Treaty. The RPT hall is not only a meeting place but also a centre

for the training and education

of the nations with the best tourist facilities meeting intertourist facilities meeting inter-national standards.
School buildings have multi-plied to satisfy the thirst for knowledge displayed by the large population of young people, and also to give equal chances of success to all the young citizens of tomorrow, in the countryside as well as in the towns.

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policy of regional cooperation with its neighbour to the East, Nigeria. This led to the signa-ture of a treaty in May 1975. ture of a treaty in May 1975, setting up a community of the states of West Africa, and in November 1976 to the signature of protocols in Lomé making the community operational. The aim of C.E.D.E.A.O. is to integrate the economies of the sub-region, broadening the economic horizons of its member states, harmonizing national development monizing national development policies and prompting the movement of goods and persons. In so doing, we have reached an important stage in the life of African unity.

This list of our achievements

This list of our achievements is far from exhaustive; we have deliberately mentioned only the more striking accomplishments. Certain foreign commentators sometimes find our attachment to the person of the head of State, General EYADEMA, exaggerated. The reason is that the Togolese have had many years experience of political men and can recognize the providential value of leaders of exceptional status. Furthermore, the image of Togo as a sick country presented barely ren years ago is still too close for us not to ask our undisputed guide to continue to lead us imperturbably forward, strong in the confidence forward, strong in the confidence

PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

In the light of our plans for economic and social development, we foresee that, over the next ten years, Togo will accumulate sufficient capital, train the leaders and specialists that it needs and specialists that the leaders and specialists that it needs and create the infrastructure vital to its entry into a new era, that of integrated, self-supported development. There will be a proportional decrease in the amount of financial assistance from outside Togo. Our nation will take an active part in freeing our sister countries of the Sahel. Agriculture will be modernized, mechanized and electrified. Our economy will be restructured so that it can respond to the new market created by the existence of C.E.D.E.A.O. Our share in exports to the E.E.C. will rise, for new potential will be released on implementation of the land reform. Free education will be on implementation of the land reform. Free education will be provided for all children up to the age of 15. Our cultural policy, based on the assertion of the Togoless man's individuality while opening his mind to the cross-fertilizing contribution of other cross-strong will analyse. of other civilizations, will enable our citizens to develop freely and to become highly effective and economically viable.

Thus we look hopefully to the

Anus we look hopefully to the future for progress and prosperity. There will undoubtedly be obstacles, but through sheer political will and the confidence shown by the people in their undisputed and indisputable leader, as well as the enthusiasm for hard work of which the Togolese are capable, under the guidance of General EYADEMA we shall transform this country through our own efforts, so that we can make it prosperous and enable it to give as well as to

receive.

Togo does not forget

On January 21st, 1976, an ing on the resolution adopted in

sion taken by the Senegal head of state. President SENGHOR, to return 26 villages in the region of Kantona to Gambia, thus demonstrating that frontiers could and should be altered in the interests of the peoples who had been separated the

arbitrary decisions of colonial powers. Foreign observers did not besitate to interpret this article

as a plea for reunification of the two Togolands. Briefly, it will be recalled that quered by a Franco-British expeditionary corps in August 1914. The country was later shared out between the victors by the 1919 Treaty of Versailles, and its two parts were put under League of Nations mandate. However, British Togo (or Togoland) was from the start administered jointly with the Gold Coast-later to become Ghana — and governed from Accra. This division was nowelcome to the people of Togo. Gold Coast on March 6th, 1957, Great Britain asked the United Nations to organize a plebiscite in the territory which it administered, which was held on 9 May of that year. The choice offered to the "British." Togolese was antonomy or integration with the Gold Coast. In the end, the people voted for integration by a majority of 90.055 votes against 67.492. The die was officially cast for British Togo but the problems had not been completely resolved. The question of "reunification" has never ceased to affect relations between Ghana and independent Togo, although this thorny problem is rarely mentioned else-where. Nonetheless, from time to time it suddenly rises to the sur-

face again. We shall mention only a few of the most recent events in this connection. On March 12th. 1973, about ten of the traditional Ewe chiefs in South Ghana, led by Nana SK. Adjat III Autoahene, demanded purely and simply that Ghana should transfer its administrative powers to Togo. On February 21st, 1975, a large delegation of traditional chiefs and former nationals of British Togo, who had become nationals of Ghana in 1957, sent a letter to the Ghana Ambassador in Lomé addressed to President Acheampong, report-

¹ German Tozoland extended over an area of 85,000 square kilometres whereas independent Togo has an area of only 56,000

SON, the Minister of Informa- between the Ghana government tion and of the Post Office and and the "Togolese Liberation Telecommunications. In this Movement". Very recently, an article, which caused a stir at Agence France-Presse despatch the time, he pointed out the from Accra, dated December absurdity of the principle that 6th, reported that Ghana had the frontiers inherited from asked Togo to expel Ghana colonial times should be sacro- dissidents who were demanding sauct. He referred to the deciand its merger with Togo, and to ban the "Togolese Liberation Movement".

Togo is celebrating the tenth anniversary of General Evadema's advent to power with display and wide-scale public festivities. To the West, however, the peace, freedom and dignity that have been recovered will have little meaning to many villages on the border. Living on the fringe of their own country and subject to a degree of petty harassment, they do not always German Togoland was con- understand the situation imposed upon them by the United Nations: the refusal to allow peoples of the same ethnic origins to live together, even though they have the same economic and social structures, practise the same customs and speak the same language. On January 13th, families from a single village which has been split in half for almost twenty years are meeting to share their joys and troubles. On both sides of the frontier there are fields, To resolve the situation, after it the fountain or the public had granted independence to the latrine. Carefree children use the stones that mark the boundaries between the two countries daries between the two countries as tables for their games. At a distance of less than 3 kilometres to the West of Lomé, the frontier of Ghana is marked by barbed wire stretching over several miles, and people are allowed to pass through only in daylight. daylight. .

The concept of borders exists throughout the world, it also exists in Togo; but it must not exists in 10go; but it must not be forgotten that, in the specific case of Togo this problem is born of colonization. However, it is obvious to the outside ob-server that Togo is not seeking a quarrel with her neighbours; one thing is certain, sooner or later a peaceful solution will be found to this problem. Border problems are common

in Africa, of course. Throughout the world, except in a few privi-legel nations, there are no natural frontiers to separate natural frontiers to separate nations, large or small. Borders have always been created by men. It is hardly surprising, but in Togo men have flouted principles which have been defended at such cost elsewhere. As we have already mentioned, the Togo drama in fact began with first world war. In 1884, colonization by the Germans was a matter of negotiation between the traditional leaders and reprethe traditional leaders and representatives of the people and the German authorities. From August 1914, however, the allied forces set about breaking up the inherent unity of Togo (political, economic, social and cultural), sharing the occupation of the colony between themselves. Following the Franco-British agreement of July 10th, 1919, confirming this act of demolition, a semior official on the spot in Togo declared: "As it is traced today, the Franco-British border has many political drawbacks and

has many political drawbacks and

suffer from it one day. Whole peoples have been splir by the new frontier: the Komdombas, the Adeles, the Akpossos, the Ewes. It should be borne in mind that the divided region is par-ticularly fertile and that cocos is a crop that is widely grown in

Many arguments are many arguments are advanced in favour of maintaining the status quo, both in the Organization of African Unity and at the international level. The principle that the frontiers inherited from colonialism are sacrosare undoubtedly weaponts. principle that the frontiers inherited from colonialistm are
sacrosanct undoubtedly prevents
Africa tearing itself apart, but
general principles have never
ruled out consideration of individual cases. Togo existel as an
entity before and during
colonization; it was not brought
about by colonization. In view
of the reunification of British
and French Cameroons, the
Togolese wonder why there
should be one law for one nation
and another for the other. They
are inclined to place the responsibility for dismemberment
upon the British, who were confident of the results of the 1957
plebiscite in advance. The Gold
Coast of the time—now Ghana
—never formulated territorial
claims against its neighbour; it
was merely caught up in the
manoeuvres of the European
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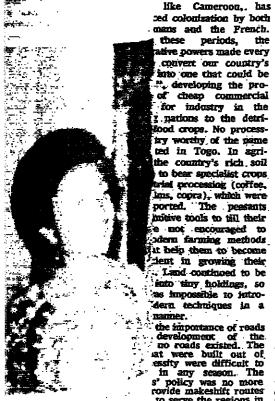
It is not hard to understand It is not hard to understand why the peoples concerned were not able to express themselves freely at the time of the plebiscite. A period should have been allowed during which they would have been able to free themselves of the pressure in fact exerted by Great Britain and Ghana. Peoples who are administered by a foreign power and who are economically linked with that power cannot be said and who are economically linked with that power cannot be said to have a free choice. The United Nations Organization was not wrong in applying the universal principle of self-determination, but it should first have created the conditions in which a full and free decision could have been reached.

could have been reached.

In the capital of Togo, it is generally emphasized that Ghana has never been looked on as an enemy, despite the expansionist goals murtured by the former president, Nkrumah, against Togo. Notwithstanding statements by the current Ghana minister of foreign affairs, Togolese officials point out that a hostile climate cannot exist while the two countries are brought together by objective ties. The "Ghana-Togo Grand Commission" meets twice a year, meetings are arranged fairly frequently between the two Presidents and Togo uses power supplied by the Akomsombo dam supplied by the Akomsombo dam in Ghana; finally, both countries are members of O.D.E.A.C.

Nevertheless, the 1957 plebi-Nevertheless, the 1957 plebiscite has not really solved the problem of unification of the Togolese people. General Eyadema has made Togo a land of free debate and his main diplomatic weapon is consultation, but he has also lit the flame of hope in the Togolese. Many of them believe that the day will come when all its people will be united in peace, stability and progress, and can direct all its efforts to the objective of development.

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Japanese prosecutors link name of Mr Nixon with Lockheed as Tanaka trial opens

Tokyo, Jan 27

In a startling statement, Japanese prosecutors implicated ex-President Nixon in the Lockheed bribery scandal today after Mr Kakuei Tanaka, the former Prime Minister of Japan, went on trial in Tokyo on charges that he received £1m to secure a lucrative sales contract for the American aircraft manufac-

Wiping away tears, Mr Tanaka, aged 58, faced a panel of three judges in the crowded courtroom. In a faltering voice, he denied all the charges.

Mr Tanaka and four other defendants were charged with bribery, perjury and violating Japan's foreign exchange regu-lations. The charges carry a maximum sentence of seven and a half years in prison. The other accused are alleged to have channelled bribes through the Marubeni Corporation, Lockheed's former sales agents, to Mr Tanaka to secure a sales contract for 21 TriStar airbuses

They are Toshio Enomoto, Mr Tanaka's former secretary, Hiro Hiyama, former chairman of Toshiharu Okubo, and Hirothi Itoh, both former Marubeni executives. They also deny all the charges. In their opening address the

four prosecutors formally linked President Nixon's name with the scandal. The prosecution alleges that Mr Hiyama

Tory pledge

An assurance that a future

Thatcher would spend more on defence, "to retrieve the inadequate position" brought about by Labour's £8,000m cuts

in planned expenditure, was given here today by Mr Geoffrey Pattie, secretary of the Conservative Party's defence

Mr Pattie, who is MP for Chertsey and Walton, was speak-ing at the opening luncheon of

a conference predominantly

attended by sceptics about

Together with Dr Ray Cline, former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Mr John Powers, president of the American Plasterers and Comercy Mascock Union Mr.

Cement Masons' Union, Mr Pattie urged vigilance in the face of the intentions expressed

it by the Soviet Union.

To the Russians, he went on, the relationship between the

Soviet Union and détente was the same as the relationship

between "the bulying interro-

are after a breakdown . . . ".

Mr Pattie, an advocate of Anglo-French nuclear coopera-tion, also hinted today that the

two countries might challenge

the strategic balance between

Commenting on the strategic arms limitation negotiations, he

"If Britain and France pro-

ceed with their own Cruise

missile development, then be-fore too long the cosy duopoly of the superpowers could be challenged. Bur that is another

Mr Pattie's suggestion appears

to be the first time that any politician has suggested in public in the United States that

Britain and France might also

He had other warnings. The

trend in military disparities favouring the Soviet Union could, he believed, lead to a Soviet blockade on Britain's oil

and fish supplies which Britain, with a depleted navy, would be

choice of hoping that the United States would help us, mereby putting at risk its own cities if there was a nuclear exchange, or we could give in

ro Soviet demands. I am under

no illusions that there would be

"We would then have the

develop these missiles.

unable to prevent.

Then he added:

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sceptics

From Fred Emery

Washington, Jan 27

cial residence in August, 1972, to suggest that Lockheed might pass on a £1m bribe to obtain a TriStar sales contract with All Nippon Airways. Shortly after-

Secretary of State).

After his return, it was said, Mr Tanaka met one of his closest friends, Mr Kenji Osano, the principal shareholder in Ali

Nippon Airways.

The prosecution statement claimed that he told Mr Osano:

"Mr Nixon said if Japan imports sircraft from the United States in future he will be very grateful if Lockheed aircraft are purchased. Mr Osano later met the airline's vice-president and strongly urged that the TriStar should be selected for the airline's new fleet. "This was relayed to the president of the airline and in October it was decided to

The state claimed that after The state claimed that after sounding out the Prime Minister Mr Hiyama approached Lockheed's representative in Tokyo, Mr A. C. Kotchian, and asked the company to put up a bribe of film. Mr Kotchian accepted the suggestion, but

tives to inquire about payments. "Lockheed was contacted and agreed to pay through their subsidiary in Switzerland."

wards, Mr Tanaka travelled to milled around the court this nawaii for talks with Mr Nixon morning. Seats in the public gallety were assigned by lottery. Mr Tanaka, who is on bail, arrived wearing a dark western suit. He appeared composed but later broke down as he recalled the shock of his arrest last July.
"The prosecutors came to my home without warning and arrested me. It was a terrible shock", he said.

He was the victim of an irre-sponsible campaign by the mass media, Mr Tanaka said, denying that he and Mr Nixon had dispaign. "This is sheer nonsense. At no time did the subject of TriStars crop up during my talks with Mr Nixon.

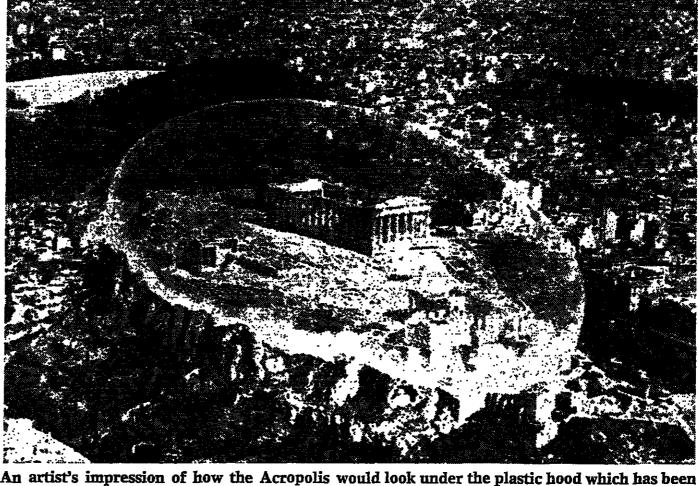
"Dr Kissinger and Mr

"Dr Kissinger and Mr Rogers (Mr William Rogers, Dr Rogers (Mr William Rogers, Dr Kissinger's predecessor as Secre-tary of State) were present. One has only to look at official records available in the foreign office. I declare categorically that this is incorrect and for the sake of the honour of Japan and asked the company to put up a bribe of flm. Mr Kotchian accepted the suggestion, but stipulated that the money be paid in four instalments because the company was suffering financial losses.

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Later, Mr Tanaka's secretary 22.



suggested as one way of saving the building from air pollution.

Concorde finds many New York allies

From Peter Strafford New York, Jan 27

The Concorde received an

unusual boost in New York today when the city's biggest unions and several important groups of businessmen made public statements in support of its being given landing rights at Kennedy Airport.

The statements were read out at a press conference called by the Association for a Better New York a business group. The theme which ran through all of them was that allowing Concorde to land would bring economic benefits to New York which the city could not afford to tura aside.

One telegram from the Central Labour Council, representing 1,200,000 members, was addressed to the port authority of New York and New Lessen which the contract of the contrac Jersey, which operates Ken-nedy, and to Mr Hugh Carey, the Governor of New York State. It called for Concorde to be allowed to land "as a step forward in air transportation, as a stimulus to economic growth, increasing inhead and applements."

by the "Soviet gerontocracy". He was all for "jaw jaw" with the Russians, but said that the West should fight any tendency jobs and employment".

Another was a letter from Mr George Champion, the chairman of the board of the New York Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to Mr Carey. "We feel very strongly that it would be very much to the interest of New York City to allow the Concorde to use Kennedy Airport for a period gator with his lights and his denial of sleep, and the soft-voiced apologist who proffers cigarettes. Both interrogators of three to four months on a trial basis at least", he wrote.
"New York City is the principal trading centre with Europe in general and London opinion, highly important that we should nurture this close

This public statement of support for Concorde was timed to come just before a meeting of the port authority on February said the Soviet-American debate about the very accurate sub-sonic Cruise missiles " might be difficult to resolve". 10, when it is due to make a port.

debt repayments when a Soviet trade delegation arrives in Cairo tomorrow. The group are officially here to sign a trade protocol for 1977 but officials in the Economics Ministry in

Cairo will try to convince the

Russians that if the loans are not extended — thus easing Egypt's crippling economic bur-den—then there is little chance

that Egyptian-Soviet relations

can improve in the near future.

The Soviet mission will arrive

at a time when Egyptian news-

papers are daily attacking after the death in Russia's refusal to postpone repayment of the estimated is now to take payment of the Egypt spent on middle of Februar Soviet arms over the past six to official sources.

From Robert Fisk

Cairo, Jan 27

association in every way pos-

Egypt to ask Russians to

The Egyptian Government is press of helping to foment the expected to make a further attempt to persuade the Russians to reschedule Egypt's in which 73 people died.

reschedule arms debts

decision. So far, the port authority has only said that it would study the results of six months of landings in Washington, London and Paris before making up its mind.

The hope of Concorde supporters is that the port authority will agree to a trial period for Concorde. But they recognize that the port authority is under great political pressure to prevent Concorde from coming at all because of the opposition of people living around Kennedy.

One of the key figures is Mr for reelection next year and is presumably anxious about the votes he might lose by letting Concorde in. He has the power to veto any decision by the port authority and his public statements have been hostile to Concorde.

Among the groups supporting Concorde today were the Real Estate Board of New York, the Visitors' Bureau, the Hotel Association, the Building Trade Employers, and the East Side Association. Mr Lewis Rudin, the chairman of the Association for a Better New York, said that it would be "unthinkable" to decide to

keep Concorde out. The Concorde service to Washington had already lost New York business in the form of meetings, hotel revenues and other benefits. It might even have cost investment dollars. It would be ironic if, at a time when New York was on the brink of default, it turned away this opportunity to

Houston and Dallas were already talking of letting Con-corde in, Mr Rudin said. Miami was thought to be interested, and so was Montreal. It would be "treasonable" to tell passengers to go to Washington or Dallas and allow New York to become a second-class

years. Russia is also being

accused in the semi-official

in which 73 people died.

Members of the Egyptian Parliament have meanwhile been adding to the anti-Soviet barrage by claiming that the

Russians grossly overcharged

Egypt for the arms which it needed to fight in two Middle

East wars. One Assembly mem-ber said that the Soviet Union

sold large quantities of rocket-propelled grenades to Egypt for £3,500 each when the true cost

President Tito's visit to Egypt, which was postponed last week after the death in an air crash

of the Yugoslav Prime Minister, is now to take place in the middle of February, according

bring more people in.

Tax man in the stars of Greek astrologists

logists and spirit mediums in Greece are being investigated for possible fraud and tax evasion in a campaign recently ord-ered by the Government.

Government officials say people involved in the trade are amassing tax-free fortunes at the expense of tens of thous-ands of gullible Greeks. ands of guilible Greeks.

A police spokesman involved in an investigation said the number of people telling fortunes for a living was growing. Many astrologists, palm, crystal ball, coffee-cup and playing-card readers, mediums and hypnotics, were able to company appropriate. tists, were able to earn between 1,000 and 5,000 drachmas (£14 to E71) a day, tax-free, because of the complete lack of legisla-

tion on their profession.

Many of the Greek fortunetellers graduate from two "schools of psycho-analysis" "schools of psycho-analysis" operating in Athens. The police official said mediums them-selves had told of the existence of about 30 other organizations which provide diplomas and pseudo-scientific titles for up to 50,000 drachmas. Annual re-newal costs another 1,000 drach-

Many Greek mediums continue to advertise openly in newspapers and professional side their flats.

One such advertisement reads: "Qualified foreign-eduadvertisement cated soul and mind-readers long-distance hypnotists, specializing in making and breaking curses. Come to us for any emotional or economic problem. Trust in our powers. your only solution."

Most mediums said they welcomed Government action be-cause it would eliminate amateurs and restore the credibility

Eleni Kikidou, a well-known Athens medium said: "I've had police come round acting as clients to fish me out, who ended up astounded by my abilities and now come to me to solve crimes.

Cash problems force airline to halt flights.

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, Jan 27

East African Airways, which is jointly owned by the Governments of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, announced tonight that it had been forced temporarily to suspend some of its services. This is the latest and most serious effect of the airline's cash flow problems. The suspension results from East African Airways's inability to pay for further fuel supplies in cash. An official statement said it had been paying in advance for fuel for some time now, but at midday today there were no funds available.

The immediate effect of the suspension will be felt on the international routes operated by the airline; to and from London and other European destinations and to and from Karachi and Bombay, as well as

The inquiry that priced itself out

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Jan 27
The new Congress has been
busily cleaning house, getting
ready for the serious business
of the Carter years, and among
the accumulated rubbish swept out by eager new brooms was the House committee on assas-sinations. For years past a few fanatics have been trying to start a congressional investigarion into the assassination of President Kennedy, and in the dying days of the last Congress they finally succeeded.

It was set up in the autumn

with a chairman, a director and a staff, whose first task was to set a budget. The chairman was about to leave Con-gress, which was the first mis-take (his successor has to start anew); the staff decided it needed secret recording devices to tape witnesses, which was a serious mistake recording after Watergate; and the director announced that he needed a budget of \$13m (about £7,800,000) for two years and that anything less

would ruin the investigation. The committee swallowed it. But the House of Representatives has not. The committee went out of business with the old Congress and the new one has yet to reconstitute it, leaving it to twist slowly, slowly in the wind.

cast a very unsympathetic eye over the special committee, its chairman and its proposals, early this week, will probably send the matter to the floor of the House in the next week or so and some sort of investigation will survive. The uncon-vincing argument that once the House has put its shoulder to the wheel it must keep pushing will probably prevail, but it is most unlikely that the new committee will get more than a small fraction of the money it wanted.

The new chairman, Representative Henry Gonzalez, is so apologetic about the extravagance of the budget that he would probably accept any-thing the House might give him. He has more or less disowned the staff director and chief counsel, Mr Richard Sprague, who told the committee last year that "any cut (in the budget) would, in my opinion, make the task impos-

sible".

Mr Sprague is a public proswas thought at first to have a needed \$1,800,000 101 mines sense of the uses of publicity. His press conferences, going". He also promised that the committee would do withmittee all made excellent pub-licity. Unfortunately, it was all stress-evaluators the wrong sort of publicity and gimmickry.

not of the media but of his

Mr Sprague had proposed that the staff should have 170 members. Seventy have been hired so far, and have been serving without wages for the past three weeks. Twenty-three of them were hired on January 1, three days before the com-mittee ceased to exist with the end of the old Congress. The payroll, in theory, is therefore \$123,125.55 for January alone.

Mr Sprague had said that his enormous staff and budget would be "an exercise in sheer frugality, a bare-bones, a barebottom, minimal figure". It is not altogether clear what a "bare-bottom" figure might be, although it might have something to do with the pro-posal that the committee should be allocated \$1,248,000 for travel within the United States in the first year.

Mr Gonzalaz, who voted for the budget, now says that "it is inconceivable that I would

Mr Trude rules out independe Quebec

Ottawa, Jan 27

Mr Trudeau has acc René Lévesque, the Pr Quebec, of making statement about inder and emphatically deck

The Prime Minis reacting last night at conference to Mr I statement on Tuesda Economic Club of N that Quebec's indeper inevitable". He said that the speech, designed to American financiera

vestment in Queb remain safe despite ment last astonished him. "He went there, he

the province's need administration the was elected for . he pretended that he elected to bring ab pendence, well, that He himself did not election on that.' up to the electoral his Partie Québécois, que scarcely menti party's goal of separ campaigned instead issue of good goven peatedly attacking ti Liberal Administratio runtion and mismana Mr Trudeau said

about developments "They should go or in Quebec and in because separation is to take place ", he repeated that what

false . The Prime Minist vering confidence th independence and berment of Canada going to happen is by all Canadians. mentators and Oppo ticians are suggesti Trudeau should be more vigorously to lenge from the separ Mr Trudeau wil mate in Quebec makes a three-day

Some time in the call by-elections to vacant House of seats in Quebec a Prince Edward Islan The by-election c " mini-referendum '

Congress may alter law on | Ethiopian Marxists ca presidential elections

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Jan 27 There is a possibility that this time Congress might finally amend the laws governing presidential elections. After every election, committees of Congress hold hearings and constitutional

amendments are discussed. The process began again today. In the past, amendments have always failed because of the conservatism of important members of both Houses. This time, even some of the conservatives have come round to the idea majority of electoral votes.

electoral colleges is out of date and dangerous. Mr Humphrey pointed out that if Mr Ford had carried two other states last year, with a switch of about 10,000 votes, he would have won the election despite Mr Carter' large overall majority. Senator Humphrey

pointed out that the close race (between himself and Mr Nixon) in 1968, which was affected by the candidacy of Governor George Wallace, nearly ended in no candidate winning a clear

of change.

A Senate subcommittee is holding hearings on the matter.
Former Vice-President Hubert admits the need for reform. He Humphrey and Senator Robert recommends that the electoral Dole, Republican candidate for vice-president last November, both offered evidence making weighted in favour of small, weighted in favour of small, and the control of the co the same point, that the system underpopulated (and usually of choosing presidents through conservative) states.

Spain-Yugoslavia links

Belgrade, Jan 27.—Yugosla- already have trade missions in via and Spain agreed today to each others' capitals which had establish diplomatic relations served as informal diplomatic after a break of 40 years, the Foreign Ministry announced.

The opening of embassies in Madrid and Belgrade was expected in a few months' time when technical arrangements were completed. Relations between the two countries were broken off

when General Franco came to power. Spain and Yugoslavia

Amnesty support

hunger strike for seven weeks

in Israeli prisons was expressed

yesterday in a telegram from

Amnesty International to the

Israeli Attorney-General, Claim-

ing that one prisoner had

already died as a result of the

hunger strike, the organization

urged him "to do everything

possible to prevent further

deaths by initiating immediate

improvements in prison condi-

The hunger strike, which be-

gan at Ashkelon prison on Dec-

ember 10, was officially stated

to have ended on January 19,

but Amnesty has received re-

ports that it is continuing des-

had "observed some improve-ment in detention conditions"

tions ".

hunger strikers

By Edward Mortimer

for prison

contacts. A resumption of relations had been expected since General Franco died in 1975. The break-through came last month when Senor Santiago

Carrillo, the Spanish Communist leader, who had persuaded Yugoslavia to hold up relations pending legisla-tion of his outlawed party, withdrew his objections.

for change of regime Addis Ababa, Jan 27.— the Ethiopian I Posters and slogans of an under- Union (EDU), who ground Marxist group went up have been challenging the Ethiopian and in the Ethiopian capital during ment troops in the no the midnight-to-dawn curfew

The red hammer and sickle emblem of the Ethiopian
People's Revolutionary Party
(EPRP) was pasted on walls
and slung from telephone
wires on several routes into

Slogans painted on roads and walls called for a provi-

sional people's government to replace the 28-month rule of the military Dergue. Police and soldiers removed most of the posters by mid-morning but not before many citizens had seen them on their way to work.

The resurgence of the EPRP at a time of considerable stress for the Government has also been noted in a number of shootings in the city. In one incident, on Tuesday, a man connected with the Government was shot and wounded outside a coffee bar. The socialist Government

has campaigned strongly against the EPRP, executing 50 people last November.

Today's official press condemned the party and dwelt at length on its criticism that the Government was worse than that of the late Emperor Haile Selassie. Several articles seem to back it solve pointed to links between the attempts to remove EPRP and a right-wing group, tary from power.—R

Informed sources

ther pressure on the country's military rulers. Reports from Sudan captured the border

vince of Eritrea, wi sionist forces tie do to the main centres. Ababa police force depleted by large n men sent to the Eritr of Asmara to reli pressed soldiers in the sources said. The EPRP also h

tary wing but it has noticeable for its actitities in urban C party draws much o logical support from who maintain that the has not followed Marxist pattern in i Students at Add University, which

for over two years September, 1974, cou strike today over ostensibly an interna trative matter but v have wider implication The EPRP draws port from non-Marxi-ing white-collar wor seem to back it sol

Hare Krishna is banned in Argentina

From Our Correspondent Buenos Aires, Jan 27

Argentina's military Government has banned oriental religious seects from proselytizing in the country. A decree declared their activities antinational and contrary to the principles and institutions of the state.

Police yesterday shut down the Buenos Aires headquarters of the Hare Krishna movement, detaining five of its members. The Divine Light mission of the 18-year-old Guru Maharaj-ji was also offected.

The decree said that while the Argentine Constitution guar-anteed religious freedom, reli-gious ideas could not violate national morals and customs.

Text of Denktash letter to Archbishop The meeting between Arch-bishop Makarios and Mr Denk-tash in Nicosia yesterday was arranged at the initiative of the Turkish leader. Here is the text of the letter he sent to the Archbishop on January 9. Ledra Palace in the presence of the presence of the representative of the representative of the bicommunal political show in which the actors will be these "enemies" does not seem to be a just and fair inheritance which we can leave to our own the hope that we may thus your Reseitude.

was only £400.

Your Beatitude, In your interview with Mr Robert Fisk of the London Times, you are reported to have said that "with a view to

dom of movement, freedom of

settlement and the right to property are basic prerequi-sites to the acceptance of a

reach some understanding on our respective positions.

I feel that without such a meeting where we can settle the basic approach to the probbelping a solution to the problem", you have accepted
"under certain conditions, a
federal solution", adding that
"any kind of federation, however, should safeguard the
unity of the state". Further,
you seem to believe that "freedom of movement, freedom of
in the sight discuss with your
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a transitional bicommunal
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a transitional bicommunal administration, as a first step in the right direction, as I feel that the prolongation of the present situation will make it harder for us to reestablish bicommunal fedoralists. separate Turkish Cypriot bicommunal federalism in the future. This is to put on record that Generations of Greeks and I am ready to meet you at the Turks are growing who regard

Any positive step which can be taken in this direction will, I am sure, contribute to a peaceful settlement of the Cyprus problem and consequently to the alleviation of much of the hardships which are at present being suffered by members of both communities, the alleviation of which is contingent upon a political

I hope you will agree that a meeting between us will be useful for Cyprus in which case I shall be at your disposal for an early meeting at Ledra Palace Hotel.

Rauf R. Denktash in Israeli prisons, though over-President crowding was still a problem.

Writer rejects offer of asylum

Prague, Jan 27.—Pavel Kohout, the Czechoslovak play-wright, a prominent supporter of the Charter 77 human rights manifesto, today rejected any offer of political asylum in Support for Arab political prisoners who have been on Austria. In a letter to Western cor-

respondents in Prague, Mr Kohout said he respected the "proof of human solidarity" in such an offer but had no intention of leaving his COUNTY. Speculation that human

rights campaigners might be deported was prompted by a meeting in Vienna on Tuesday between the Czechoslovak Ambassador and the Austrian Foreign Minister. They dis-cussed whether Austria would

ment to deal with me and the other charter signatories by political means." Mr Kohout said. He appealed "to all goveraments and political parties in East and West who have an interest in human rights to offer their mediation. pite the dispersal of the strikers to different prisons.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said earlier this month that its delegates had "observed some improvedispute". He said he had not they did not make use of the tain number of names been approached about a possible emigration to Austria or chase them out", one said, all signatories of Change anywhere else.

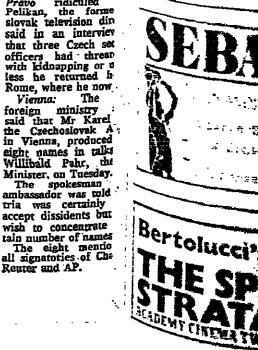
Meanwhile, the Prague press continued its campaign against the signatories of the charter, claiming they were no more than "the small dog obediently listening to his master's voice from the gramophone tube."

Referring to Western criticism of the arrests and harassment, the party newspaper but pack Rude Pravo said: "The con- is open."

centrated multimillionaire capitalist press is readily broad-casting their barking. All right, we have taken account of that and will act accordingly. They [the signatories and other dis- that three Czech set sidents] have had eight years officers had threat to make up their minds. But with kidnapping or the decision will be burs." After a similar radio broadcast last night, the youth daily

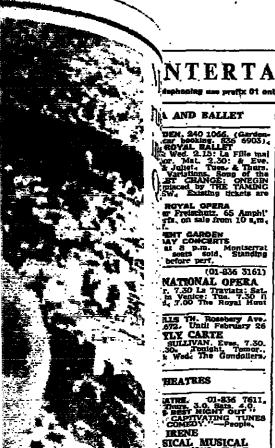
nothing good awaits Another worker, fi fied as were his said: "Let them g friends in Austria. already play the ro eigners. They should but pack up and go. In a related arti Pravo ridiculed Pelikan, the forme slovak television din

less he returned h Rome, where he now Vienna: The foreign ministry said that Mr Karel the Czechoslovak A in Vienna, produced eight names in talks Willibald Pahr, the Minister, on Tuesday.



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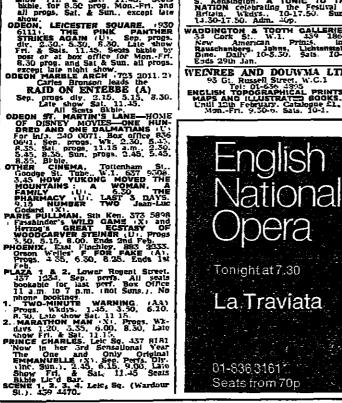
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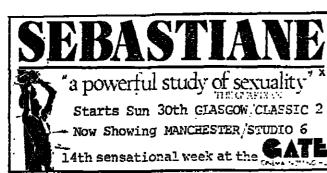
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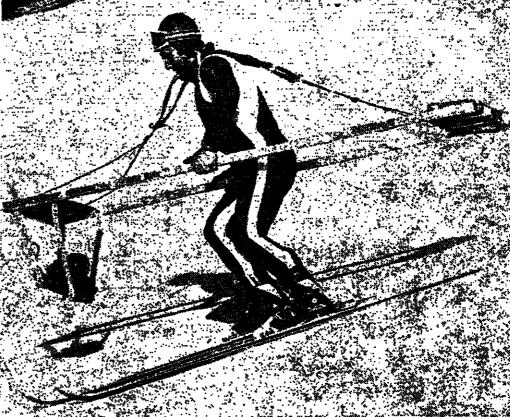
White Rock (u)/ Genesis (u) ABC, Shaftesbury Avenue

Numero Deux (x) The Other Cinema A Nous les petites anglaises (aa) EMI International. Bloomsbury

It is characteristic of contemporary entertainment arts that they require the spectator to make increasingly more com-plex connexions of sound and amage. You find this at the lowest level in the highly amplified music and osychedelic light assaults of dance halls, or in the electronic fancies that accompany Top of the Pops. You find it in the frag-mented narratives of modish commercial shrillers as well as in the tortured processes of a Godard film essay. You find it supremely in the work of such a group as Genesis, whose concerts generate intense excite-ment through the inspired combination of virtuoso musi-cal performance and unexpect-

ed visual impressions.
You can sample their style, if you missed their whirlwind tour last summer, appreciatively filmed by Tony Maylam.
The five musicians perform their intensely integrated music with the clated possession of evangelists, in a haze of smoke and spotlights. Perhaps because of the lighting conditions at the concert, the overall pictorial effect is a brown and sepia Rembrandt chiaroscuro. The images rake off into little film essays, variations or commentaries on the iations or commentaries on the music: a violent and lyrical recollection of aerial warfare and the atom bomb; a marvellous and truly surreal Italian slapstick comedy, vintage 1905-10, in which a percestrial globe runs amuck, causing a stampede of crazed ladies and gentlemen in graceful and sober Edwar-

Genesis is the supporting programme to White Rock which was also directed by Tony Maylam and is to have a royal premiere before Prin-cess Anne on Monday. The official film of the Winter Olympics, it is inevitably dominated by the musical score of Rick Wakeman, who has said of his work: "I've always believed that if you provide something for the eyes as well as the ears, there's more chance of genting people to pay attention to the music." Wakeman has de-



White Rock: the camera goes ski-ing

Round Table—on ice); and having demonstrated in Lisztomania that he was able to take on and subdue both Liszt and Wagner at one and the same time, it is not surprising if at times the Olympic spectacle seems to be there simply to interpret his music.

The scope and purpose of Olympics films has changed, of course, in the years since Leni Riefeustahl's 1936 Olympia. The straight record is today amply and incomparably pro-vided by relevision, leaving the cinema free to experiment with individual commentaries and interpretations-like Ichikawa's film of the '64 Olympics, Lelouch's of the winter event of 1968 and the omnibus film of Munich 1972—Visions of

Eight.
Without pretending to comprehensive coverage (it deals only with six events) White Rock successfully goes out on two different tacks. James Coburn, who is guide, chorus and commentary, has enough prowess in winter sports to try out and demonstrate the tech-niques of the events; and enough charm and intimacy (though he stays actor all the competition into ballet or lyric or drama. Every four years the Olym-

pic Games provide a massive

impetus to athletic achieve-ment, and incidentally, it seems, a parallel impetus to techniques of sports recording. Leni Riefenstahl's 1936 film is still unsurpassed, of course, but with every Olympiad equipment and techniques seem to take a leap forward. The image quality of White Rock is breathtaking. Some of the shots—a skier's feet or face in steady close-up as he hurtles down 60 mph slopes-look impossible. Still photographs, however, reveal elaborate camera mountings that were devised (and sometimes wrecked) to make the

In this respect the participa tion of the Samuelson brothers is significant (the film was co-produced by Samuelson Inter-national; the executive pro-ducer was Michael Samuelson, who has specialized in sports films since Goal, the film of the 1966 World Cup). The Samuelson family is one

pictures.

more chance of genting people to pay attention to the way) to give the spectator a of Britain's most significant music." Wakeman has devised his own style in musicand-image spectaculars (his man's music (using his own founded by George Berthold Myths and Legends of King keyboard, the drummer Tony ("Bertie") Samuelson, who

Fernandez and the Choir of Sf starting distributing films in Paul's Cathedral) transforming 1906. In 1914 he opened a film the movement of the Olympic studio at Isleworth (the opening ceremony was performed by Vesta Tilley); and for the next decade was one of the most important British pro-ducers, making films in the United States and Germany as well as in this country. In the late twenties, however, Samuel-son went to the wall, along with most other British firms,

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in the face of a murderous American stranglehold on the business. After this the Samuelsons experienced years of often dra-matically hard times; but Bertie Samuelson's four sons were in time to return to the film business. Starting 20 years ago with one camera, they have built up the largest film facili-ties organization in the world. The four brothers work hard, live unpretentiously and keep in touch with the business at all levels: both David and Michael Samuelson appear in the credit list of White Rock's cameramen.
Image and sound are manip-

lated in other ways by Jean Luc Godard in his most recent film Numéro Deux (1975). The action was shot on video tape, and for most of the film, apart from opening and closing scenes with Godard in his own studio, is shown on two televi-sion screens against a blacked-

ment or counterpoint or even distract from, the other. Apart from this Godard sometimes superimposes closeup heads to provide a third dimension to the action. Each sequence is introduced by a gnomic title ("Pay-sage"..." Peut-eire ...") formed of letters that shift and change like the type of street

news-flash signs.

Numero Deur is Godard's most coherent work for a decade—which is not to say that it is very coherent; but at least he seems to have left behind the pretensions to a type and level of political debate to which ultimately he proved unequal. His themes inevitably remain

political in context; and resume the preoccupations of the films he made before the political traumas of '68: the political traumas of '85: The distortion of family and sexual relations and the persisting role of women (as "Number Two") in a modern industrialized society. The film attempts a pontrait and diagnosis of three generations of a middle-class family—hypehand and family—husband and class ramily—nusband and wife, grandparents, small children. Quite unexpected after the long series of films Godard made with Jean-Pierre Corin and his own Dziga-Ver. tov group, is the strong humane—even sentimental feeling in the treatment of the people and their anxieties, which are constantly reduced to the most basic physical concerns—not excluding the wife's constipation and the husband's failure to achieve erection.

A Nous les petites englases, directed by Michel Lang, belongs to the current Latin mode for nostalgia for first sexual experience. The action appears to be set in the rock and roll era: two 17-yearold French boys fail their English exam and so are sent, reluctant, to Ramsgate for the summer. English girls falling far short of their reputation. the boys are left to experiment and agonize with the girls of the large French summer

the large French summer colony in rainy Ramsgate.

The basic calf-love story is fairly silly and sickly; and goes on at tedious length about the boys' and girls' remarkably uninteresting erotic caprices.

The picture comes to life, though, in the scenes which illuminate the traditional illuminate the traditional French image of England— dismal weather; repellant food; no girls between the extremes of nymphomania and frigidity; dour, awkward, naive, inno-cent, good-hearted folk who get riotously drunk. It may not be quite fair, but it's often very funny; and a word of special praise is due to the uncredited small boy who plays a phlegmatic but garrulous English schoolboy. **David Robinson**

Tales from the Vienna Woods Olivier

Irving Wardle

Mechanics are not all, but the sight of the Olivier's jumbo revolve embarking on its first spin under the public gaze gave the evening an opening lift which the rest of the show went on to fulfil. Here at last is a National Theatre production worth recommending: introducing a major author and a dram-atic genre fresh to Britain, and carrying off the task with a grand-scale conviction belitting the occasion.

Just how faithfully the per-

formance presents the work of Odon von Horvath it is beyond the competence of a British reviewer to judge. Christopher Hampton, the author of the present version, is not alone in describing him as a translator's nightmare, and his plays, deriv-ing from the "folk play" tradition of Nestroy, have no British counterpart. But from descriptions of this popular mingling of music and romance, it would clearly be unfair to hold Horvath personally responsible for such melodramatic climaxes as the night-club confrontarion between a grieved father and his topless Lorelei daughter, and the subsequent death of her infant child. The audience's first task is to accept that kind of story as the starting point and then observe the ironies that Horvath embroiders around it.

First appearing around the ime of Isherwood's Berlin novels, Tales from the Vienna
Woods examines a similar
petit-bourgeois stratum of
Austrian society, likewise reeling from the inflation and beset by the not-so-distant tom-toms of National Socialism. Practically the only self-confident figure on stage is a priggish Prussian intruder who converts a wedding toast into a racist prayer and can move about when drunk only by barking orders at himself.

Those in search of their neo-Nazi frisson will get it with no difficulty. But if this is a play for the 1970s, it is because Horvath did not know what was Nelligan plays her as straight-coming; and depicted a society forward, trusting, innocent, of small shopkeepers, gamblers, gradually hardening under and pensioned officers who are repeated blows, but making not still getting along somehow the slightest concession to easy even though the economic anger or self-pity until her ground has been cut from under their feet. It is a spectacle of fear, bravado, impetuous one-night spending, and fear of tomorrow that supplies the all-too-obvious link.

As far as the plot goes, Horvath employs the melodramatic formula so as to offer as a test case one firm-principled character in a world otherwise governed by com-promise. It is one sign of his dramatic quality that his beroine, Marianne, is by no means the most likable of the Unfolding through scenes on the outskirts of town, in the down-at-heel district of her father's toy shop, and on the banks of the Danube, the play follows Marianne's disastrous decision to jilt the



Warren Clarke and Kate Nelligan

take up with a spineless young punter (Stephen Rea), who has just dropped the lady tobacconist on the other side.

Poverty and abandonment ensue, with her baby billeted out with the boyfriend's parents, murderous outburst and defeat after the child's death.

Through her eyes, Oskar the butcher, and all the rest are stupid people and her lover's one recommendation is that he recognizes his own worthlessness. Horvath sees more in them than that Unlike his perpetually chewing assistant, Oskar does not see women as mere meat: he is a true lover trying to hold on to the old Christian values, and it is not his fault that he cannot lay hands on a woman without doing her physical damage. As-Warren Clarke plays him, beefily benevolent and almost shedding a tear for the pig he has to slaughter, he even

acquires parhos.

Still more sympathetic is child and then picks up a musithe tobacconist, Valerie, taking cal toy and gives it a delighted a succession of lovers she shake.

comes to despise but still unable to keep her bands off the young, or resist any physical contact going. The sight of Elizabeth Spriggs executing a solitary waltz by the river while fighting her way out of a corset is one of the main delights of the evening; capped by her reckless capitulation to Paul Rogers's wheezing toy-shop proprietor. The events are carried along

on a tide of Strauss waltzes which is more than a cynical tactic on Horvath's part, because they also have a strong structural role as one observes all these little people scurrying about; inadvertently hurting each other, misunderstanding each other's wants, but all inescapably swept up in the same

dance.

In Maximilian Schell's production, the revolve itself follows the music spinning round the three locations of Timothy O'Brien and Tazeena Firth's composite set as the characters parade in a jolly crowd towards their next meeting place. But as for music, Horvath puts it in its place in the character of the lover's zither-playing grand-mother, marvellously played by Madoline Thomas,

No revolt in the harem Disappearing World descendants of the women Granada

Melissa Llewellyn-Davies and her all-woman crew prowled their cameras around the edge of the male pavement-cafes in Marrakesh like hunters prospecting an exclusive water hole: the men, for once in their pampered lives, looked distinctly fazed, not to say cross. Their women, on the other hand, confined behind high walls and courtyards most of the time and compelled to wear veil and djellabi in public, were having a lovely time: gossiping, eating, laughing dancing and singing and, whether in poverty or wealth, generally displaying a content-ment far beyond mere contrivance for a visiting television

Any idea that they would be fatuous child-bearing machines puffed up on a lifetime of fat little sweets, was dispelled in the first shot and never occurred again. If such exist, they did not appear in Miss Llewellyn-Davies's film, which set out to suggest that the products of traditionally segregated Muslim society also inherit a prescribed form of independence—not literally sexual, of course, but social and psycho-logical—far beyond that of recorded a bewitching and lumi-nescent world of white walls, green shutters and saffron and tangerine silks. These were account of how it works.

Delacroix and painted by Ingres. The intended climax of the film was a long wedding sequence. Consummation was

Michael Ratcliffe effected at the end of a long night's revelry behind (just) closed doors, preceded by a continuous clamour of expecta-tion from both sexes, briefly together on the landing, fol-lowed by shouts of "Victory!" and the joyful bearing of bloody bloomers through the streets on a large flat dish—Bournemouth and Le Touquet were never like this. But such manifestations are almost de riguer on Disappear-ing World and the most riveting parts of this particular programme were those that showed us the bistoric sophistication, rather than surviving tribalism, of traditional Moroccan society. Four gorgeously dressed

middle-class wives discussed their status in seclusion with many a shriek of comparative delight and remembrance; a poor woman called Aisha spoke fluently of the good religious life, of her fortunate childhood. and showed an unforced moral compassion for the young relative who had been forced to become a dancer because her brother had kicked her out, she had no money and no man to care for her. The girl was very pretty (much prettier than the bride) and tearfully explained logical—far beyond that or many lonely Western house-wives. They are more devour too, which helps, and can live much of their lives together, out of doors under the warm blackly before us. Miss Llewellyn-Davies did not really say if or how this world was disappearing but she gave us a delicate and most moving

Fires of London Queen Elizabeth Hall

Paul Griffiths More often than not the Fires

of London turn up with a Maxwell Davies premiere, but on Wednesday they offered instead a retrospective of their directions work over the past couple melody. Even so, it is una retrospective of their direcof years. As must be generally mistakably an Orkney piece, known by now, Mr Davies has made himself the musical poet of Orkney, sensitive to the terrain and the history, the literature and the time-scale of the place where he has done his composing since 1970.

A particular stimulus has been the poetry of George Fiddler, which gave the strongest feeling this time of grim stillness and ancient curse. The work was written for the

The other pieces in the programme were Psalm 124, an arrangement of an organ chorale prelude which was itself composed from old Scottish music, and the instrumental Ave maris stella. This last is the sort of work which Mr Davies might have written at any stage in his career: a long and rhythmically elaborate not just because of its incidental evocative features, but more deeply because it is a strong and original composition, much less frantic and insecure than Mr Davies's music of the 1960s.

In Orkney, Mr Davies has written, "you just have to Mackay Brown, and it was a realize what you are through work to words of his, The Blind your music", and Ave maris stella is a most moving selfportrait, perfectly judged in its long-term control of tension, and yet typically idiosyncratic Fires and so, presumably, for in its nervous or slumbering Mary Thomas, who sang in this melody. Such a piece must give performance; but her voice one high hopes of the symphony remains best suited to the more histrionic works of Davies's have commissioned for the spring of next year.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Ice Skating

A bronze for **Cousins** with glitter to come

From John Hennessy

Robin Cousins, at 19, won the groupe medal in the European karing championships here today, the first, no doubt, of a glitter-ing series of prizes that he before him. The gold medal went to Jan Hoffmann, of East Germany, and the silver to Vladimir Kovalev, of the Soviet Union, as had been clearly foreshadowed by the first two elements of the competition.

Consins lay fourth before tonight's tree skating, but he easily overhauled Pekka Leskinen, of Finland, for third place. This was not the best of Cousins, but his is an artistry that almost bears comparison with that of John Curry—and praise can go no higher. In technical menit he had done enough to supplant Leskinen, in spite of three triple jumps by the local hero, but the difference between the two in presentation was as wide as the neighbouring frozen Baltic, room enough indeed for Yuri Ovchinnikov, also of the Soviet Union, to sneak into fourth

In technical achievement Hoff-rann was outstanding with four riple jumps. Cousins, on the other and, settled for only one. He hand, settled for only one. He had an unnerving warm-up, and, having brought off his triple toe salchow and reduced his triple salchow to a double because of an uncertain take-off, he decided to play for safety. No doubt he felt the lack of a trainer at his side, Gladys Hogg being confined to Britain because of a fear of flying, a deficiency that must be put right before the world championships in Tokyo in March. There was, however, a harmony in Cousins's performance that was lacking elseperformance that was lacking elsewhere, and the power of his spins also defied emulation.

The leading Russian pair, Irina Moiseyera and Andrei Minenkov, retained their position at the head retained their position at the head of the ice dancers at the end of the compulsories. One would be tempted to add that, barring accidents, they are sure to take the ritle vacated by their compariots, the Gorschkovs, when the competition ends tomorrow night. Kristzina Regoczy and Andras Sallay, of Hungary, lie second, followed by the second Russian pair, Natalia Linichuk and Gennadi Karponosov, and the British champious, Janet Thompson and Warren Maxwell. I leave readers to draw their own conclusions from the fact that the two judges who place the leaders second (to their own countrymen) are those from Hungary and Great

second (to their own countrymen) are those from Hungary and Great Britain (Roy Mason).

Accidents on the ice rink seem to be of little account. Miss Moiseyera came a purier on the third sequence of their march, to the music of Bizet's Carmen, and the music of Bizet's Carmen, and for a few moments skated on the back outside edge, not of her right foot, but of her right bottom cheek. It seemed to make no difference, Mrs Absaliamova, who happens to come from the Soviet Union, marked her and her partner 5.9 for technical merit and 5.7 for presentation.



The champion plays peek-a-boo: The Hoffmann technique in the process of revealing itself as Europe's best.

Other judges were almost is no real threat to the Russians, who won the world champlorship two years ago in the absence through injury of the Gorschkovs, and were runners in to them in every competition last year. It was inviting an explosion of wrath when I asked one British trainer what she thought of the leaders marks. "Just plain daft", sne said. "They didn't do a march and it apparently doesn't matter whether or not you stand up."

It can fairly be added that this was the universal view throughout the multilingual press room.

Both British couples were himself press room. and it apparently doesn't matter whether or not you stand up."

Results at Helsinki

Cricket

Hard game will do England good

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Bangalore, Jan 27

Discussing their prospects in India on their journey out here, the MCC players came to the conclusion that although they should get plenty of runs they had to expect much greater difficulty bowling sides out. In the event the highest score yet made against the highest score yet made against them, in 10 matches and 20 inn-ings, has been 257 by West Zone in the first innings of the tour, which accounts for the confidence with which their bowlers are look-ing forward to the fourth Test match starting here tomorrow.

MCC have bowled accurately and well on a succession of imperfect barring pitches. The ludians are

at sixes and sevens wondering what to do about their pitches. At one moment they are trying to make them faster, for the general good of their game; at another they are taking all the grass off so that their spin bowlers will prosper. Here in Bangalore they really are trying, I think, to produce a good Indian batting pitch on which their batting, now so wretchedly unsure of themselves, can start to find their feet again. Whether they can do it with the heavy dew lasting well into the morning remains to be seen.

It does not take long for a side to be labelled as a bunch of "no-hopers". After trouncing Pakistan in Melbourne recently the Australlans were so described when, a few days later, Pakistan beat them in Sydney. In the past few years England and their selectors have been described as everyone's despair. At the moment, within a few weeks of India thrashing New Zealand, it is being suggested in India that the Government should set up a commission It does not take long for a side ment should set up a commission to inquire into the cause of defeat by England. Seeking a reason for

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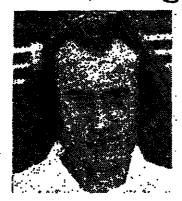
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Fletcher: Back in familiar hunting ground

it a correspondent to The States-mon recently wrote: "Our ath-letes and sportsmen are not to be blamed for their poor performances. Anthropologically speaking, Indians have grown shorter in the last half century and 70 per cent of our people do not have a balanced diet."

England for the moment are in the warenest product of being

England for the moment are in the unaccustomed position of being winners already. Three Test matches up, they are out to make a clean sweep of the series—something which no touring side has done anywhere in the world in a five-match series. It is the bowlers and the Belders, not the batsmen, who have made this possible. The batting is still brittle enough for the coming confrontation with Australia even without Thomson to be faced with the same apprehension as India's batsmen must view tomorrow's match in Bangalore. In their last 16 Test lunings at home against England and West Indies, India have passed 300 only twice. passed 300 only twice.
The most encouraging thing for

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to go in without having to rescue the innings. I can hardly remember when he was last able to do that. As expected, Flexcher has been preferred to Woolmer in the England side, which means that Brearley is back as Amiss's open-Brearley is back as Amiss's opening partner with Fletcher at number three (he scored 100 not out at Bangalore on the last tour against South Zone). Randall at four and Tolchard at five. For the ninth successive time England will have a different opening pair from the one that played in the previous Test match.

Test match.

An Englishman arriving in Bangalore for the cricket (some 60 of them have done so today) would find the most perfect weather of cloudless skies and dry heat and cool nights, a city of many flowers, a modern stadlum with the greenest of outfields, some good fish to eat, some exotic birds to watch and listen to and a golf course on cat, some exotic birds to watch and listen to and a golf course on which the greeds are browns (of sand) and the crows carry one's ball away unless the fore-caddie gets there first with a tin can to cover it up. He would see MCC in good spirits as they should be with the series safely won. What would do England no harm is a hard game on a plumb wicket. What India need more desperately is some success for their struggling players and a doubting public. players and a doubting public. INDIA (from): B. S. Bedi (captain), S. M. Gavaskar. A. D. Gaekwad, M. Amarnath, S. Amarath, G. R. Viswanath, B. P. Patel, S. M. H. Kirkani, E. A. S.

Prasanna, B. S. Chandrasekhar, S. Venkataraghavan, B. Reddy, K. Ghavri, Yajuvendra Singh. ENGLAND: A. W. Greig (captain), D. L. Amiss, J. M. Brearley, K. W. R. Fletcher, D. W. Randall, R. W. Tolchard, A. P. E. Knott, C. M. Old, J. K. Lever, D. L. Underwood, R. G. D. Willis.

. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Minnesol North Stars 5, Los Angoles Kings 2.

England and Scotland have a chance to test their indoor hockey skills against Belgium in an international tournament, spousored by Benson and Hedges, at Michael Sobell Sports Centre, London, tonight. Belgium were runners-up to West Germany in the last European indoor champlonship in February, 1976 at Arnhem, where Scotland finished fourth.

Scotland who just failed at Arnhem to win the bronze medal, which went to the Netherlands, meet Belgium in the first match meet Belgium in the first match today, starting at 6.0. Another



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Ice hockey

worked hard, shot a good goal to equalize.

Fill Walsh, a terrier of a worker, made the score 2—1 for West and victory looked within reach. How-ever, in such conditions there was

Rugby Union

Scotland to give

By John Downie Scotland's team for the B inter-

Scotland's team for the B inter-national against France at Hughen-den, Glasgow, tomorrow week contains seven players new to this grade of rugby. They include the captain, Burnett, who has burst into prominence in this seasons' inter-district matches and in the final trial. The other newcomers

inter-matrict matches and in the final trial. The other newconers are Wilson at outside half, Mc-Gninness at loose head prop, Smith at lock, Hegarty and Hall on the flanks and Dickson at No 8.

Practice for England

Boxing

England, who play Ireland in Dublin tomorrow week have decided, with the fullest cooperation and enthusiasm of the players, to stage some extra training at Leicester on Sunday. The national coach, Peter Colston, intends to give the forwards some intensive scrummaging practice.

Discretion used

Conteh's defence

had agreed to accept evidence of contracts between the two boxers and a Blackpool promoter, Manny Goodall.

The WBC decided to use its

The WBC decided to use its discretion and authorize the contest in spite of the fact that the closing date for contracts was January 15 and that, technically, it has been open to the highest bid ever since. The offer was to be open until February 15 but the WBC have accepted that since Mr. Goodall had reached agreement with both contragants by January

Goodall had reached agreement with both contestants by January 13, the contest should be his.

Content defends Britain's only world title in his naive city for an estimated purse of £100,000. It will be his third defence since he had the meant the mount of the state of the same the minorship by

took the vacant championship by outpointing Jorge Aliumada, in London, in October 1974.

London, in October 1974.

Evidence of Conteh's agreement with Mr Goodall was already with the WBC and Cuello, whose manager confirmed their agreement by telegram from Argentina. They met the deadline of Jamary 26, set by the president earlier this week, when Mr Goodall made his last attempt to set up the bout.

It is understood that Uniberto Brancini, Cuello's agent in Europe, who had objected to the agreement with Mr Goodall, has now accepted it. Cuello is believed to have accepted an offer of £20,000 as well as expenses from Argentina.

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seven new

men a chance

Wales play safe and pick Cobner

the captaincy for a game which has been talked of in these parts as the most important match of the season. Lest year at the National Stadium, Wales achieved the Grand Slam by beating France 19-13. But that French side set the Weish more problems than the other three internationals combined, and in the cauldron of the Parc des Princes, no Welshman feels completely safe or secure. By Peter Walker

The Welsh rugby selectors, faced with few alternatives, took the expected course by making only two changes from the team which beat Ireland to face France in Paris on February 5. Derek Quinnell comes into the second row in place of the suspended Geoffrey Wheel, and Terry Cobner, who led Wales against Argentina at the beginning of the season, is restored. Cobner takes over from Trefor

feels completely safe or secure.

French intentions are clear.
They have recalled the man they
call the "Little Napoleon",
Jacques Fouroux at scrum half.
Fouroux will also captain the team
and renews his half back parinership with Jean-Pierre Romen. The
Total fear the back row of
Skrela, Bastiat, and Rives, and
Bennett will have no sterner test
this season than to evade their
clutching hands and disruptive ginning of the sesson, is restored.

Cobner takes over from Trefor against Ireland, an injury that is likely to keep him out of rugby for another four weeks. The selectors wisely resisted a strong newspaper campaign to restore John Taylor, the London Welsh fianker. They have gone for the comparatively youthful Cobner, who will be expected to improve the Welsh cover defence, especially at the set scrummages. clutching bands and disruptive capabilities.

set scrummages.

The Welsh selectors have surprisingly given the vice-captaincy to Quimell. They must have been influenced by the big Lianelli man's intract on the Welsh pack when he came on in place of Evans in the second half against Ireland. On the instructions of the selectors, he took over the leadership of the forwards and the immediate all-round improvement was a compelling example of his ability to raise Welsh hwyl both vocally and by personal effort.

Finil Bennett correctly retains capabilities.

There were some Welsh critics who felt that the selectors should have returned to the committed crash-ball tactics of Ray Gravell in the cemire. But with commendable consistency they have decided that David Burcher's first international appearance against Ireland warranted another chance and, indeed, they may well be proved right.

Gravell's rather predictable robust methods are less likely to Gravell's rather predictable robust methods are less likely to

succeed against the French than Burcher's, who favours the

By Gordon Allan Westminster 28 King's College 4

Hospital will play St Mary's, who beat Middlesex Hospital 19—0 at Walthamstow yesterday.

With experienced men like Fraser, Thomas, O'Driscoll and Fraser, Thomas, O'Driscoll and Warlow in a bigger, stronger pack, and Rawle, Hughes and the perennial Phillips behind it, Westminister were never in the slightest difficulty. They won, on a conservative estimate, 60 per cent-of the ball in tight and loose, and might have doubled their score on a dry day. Principally because of Phillips's tactical kicking, King's found themselves tumbling backwards for most of the game and being forced into one mistake after another.

also the best passer of a ball in Welsh rugby, and this is the very quality needed to bring out the thrusting march-winning capabilities of Wales's two world class wings, Gerald Davies and J. J. Williams.

Steve Fenwick is emerging as the most complete footballer in Wales, regarded by coaches and his fellow players as an indispen-sable part of the team. He has the same part of the team. He has the knack of producing a telling break when needed and kicking valuable points, a useful back-up if Ben-nett, and Martin have an off day. While Wales are a sertled unit behind the scrummage, question marks remain about the pack.

marks remain about the pack.

The Welsh team is: J. P. R., Williams (Bridgend); T. G. R. Daries (Cardiff), S. P. Fenwick (Bridgend), D. Burcher (Newport), J. Williams (Lianelli); P. Bennett (Lianelli,capt), G. O. Edwards (Cardiff); G. Shaw (Neath), R. W. Windsor (Pontypool), G. Price (Pontypool), A. J. Martin (Aberavon), D. L. Quinnell (Lianelli). J. T. Cobner (Pontypool), J. Squire (Newport), R. C. Burgess (Ebbw Vale), Replacements: G. Evans (Newport), J. Bevan (Aberavon), D. B. Williams (Cardiff), J. Richardson (Aberavon), M. Watkins (Cardiff), M. G. Roberts (London Welsh).

Westminster go through with plenty to spare

Westminster reached the semi-final round of the Hospitals Cup reaction the Hospitals Cuprugby competition for the fifth consecutive year when they beat King's College at Chislehurst yesterday by three goals, two penalty goals and a try to a try. At Richmond on February 8 they will play the holders, St Bartholomew's. In the other semi-final, at Richmond on February 10, London Hospital will play St Mars's who

one mistake after another.

McFarland had scant chance to
show what he can undoubtedly
do. He, like the rest of the side,
was trying to build a house ou
sand.

Phillips converted it and kicked a straightforward penalty when

King's centres stood offside at a line-out near the corner. The ball stuck in a tree after the penalty and had to be recovered by a missible spectator. The half ended in an appropriate manner with Westminster ensconced in King's in the second half Phillips kicked another penalty, again for a line-out offence, and O'Driscoll,

a line-out offence, and O'Driscoll, Gwyther and Ashbridge scored tries, two of which Phillips converted. Ashbridge had come on when the left wing, Tait, was concussed. O'Driscoll scored from a scrummage after Hughes had been checked near the line. A thrust by Warlow, one of many by him, led to the scrummage from which Gwyther scored on the short side. Allan set up Ashbridge's try after a maul. Brennan scored King's try in injury time, with the ald of Heaton, when Hughes tried to run the bail out of defence for Westminster and somebody blundered.

Four big names out collection to Philadelphia story

From Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent Philadelphia, Jan 27

Within an hour and a half the Within an hour and a half the names Borg, Nastase and Orantes were removed from the list of contestants for the f24,000 singles prize in the United States professional indoor tennis championsides here last evening. They were seeded to reach the last four but could not even reach the last 16. Nor could the three lowest seeds, Cox, Gerulatis and Kodes. The depth of expertise in the men's depth of expertise in the men's game is impressive. Superficially illogical results are always prevalent in the early weeks of the year. It was starting, nevertheless, that three of the top four seeds should be defeated in such rapid succession.

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McNair's 2—5, 7—6, 6—4 win over Orames was the most admirable. The winner of the Masters tournament responded to the ultimate crisis with some dazzling tennis, but McNair refused to be intimidated. Aged 25, the lean and lively McNair comes from Maryland and is best known as the most spectacular fifty per cent of an outstanding doubles team. Yesterday he served well, attacked persistently, and usually guessed right whenever Orantes went for a passing shot. In the second set McNair, forgetting that the discredited "sudden death" tiebreak was in force, was unaware that he was match point down; and he served an uninhibited ace. In the third set McNair needed six match points, Orantes was lobbing well. But he finally raised a short one and McNair put it away.

Scanlon, aged 20, is a Texan who turned professional last summer and has since beaten Solomon, Panetta and (twice in three weeks) Nastase. He had to play well to beat Nastase 2—6, 6—1, 6—4, last evening. But the match eventually demanded more from Scanlon's nerves than his ability. Nastase started fluently but later began to look cowed and apprehensive, too often asking for trouble with short, half-pace

apprehensive, too often asking for trouble with short, half-pace

trouble with short, half-pace returns.

Borg was beaten 7-6, 6-4 by Moore, a South African who first turned up at Wimbledon as long ago as 1963. Moore beat Borg in Johannesburg last April and yesterday he did it again. "He approaches well and has good reach, so is difficult to pass.", Borg said, "and today he was serving well, so I couldn't break him." Moore, as usual, wanted nothing that did not belong to him. On his first set point he conceded the rally by dismissing his service return as a double-hit. On his match point he instantly suggested that Borg had hit a winner; but Borg, who had a better view, insisted the shot was out. Moore played a fine match. But Borg's tennis did not maintain the concentrated intensity he showed last Sunday, when beating Connors on clay in a match worth £59,000 to the winner.

Kodes had three break points

like a dream, temporaril that he was not the plused to be. In a stand Drysdale turned back in with the manner of his cox. Borowiak, who keeps up with a useful result, of Gerulaitis. Alexande of Gerulaitis. Alexande played a Davis Cup the in Australia last Sunday, a match poluta in the second Stockton shook him off top-spin lob. Gorman Panatta to three sets in

close match. suggesting a kind of m continuity at a time of re ary social changes. to the seedings. Panatta, the list, was beaten 6—3, Roche. This meant that men from whom Composedly had most to fear out of the running. Roci was only once taken to t contrast Panatta was v

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Football

Famous nar fight shy of Everton i

By Norman Pox Football Corresponds "Individually, the players are talented, responsible, and hard working, and all I've tried to do Everton's hopes of queue of famous nan their vacant manager's hopeinning to false. To sults are beginning to come. We've manager. Don Revie. co Bobby Robson said he wattached to be mely lust enticed by lucrative of Bill Shankly to cross would be treasonable it saituency and yestern Tommy Docherty, of I United, and Ron Sac Mr Docherty said: "
the biggest club in the
and to leave there for
English club would be a step. Why have lager when I've got used have to leave, wi would go abroad."

Mr Saunders said hi
interested in Teaving A because he, too, was where he was. he expl have had no approach i ton. I have pur in t half years of bard wor. sider a great team bot off the field. I feel w to great things and the ing I would like mor spend the rest of my c this club and their m

Australia se players for new leag By Norman Fox

Bridsh footballers, already being tempted it American clubs either former of on a more perma are now receiving inviplay in Australia whe national league opens it Among the past an English internationals it lians would like to per Malcolm Macdonald a Channon, but it is until of the current national. of the current national ! find time to accept be other close season con Football in Australia poorly publicized count of Australian Rules, Ru and Rugby League, sponsorship of the new expected to increase Fourteen clubs from i will compete and v players from several countries are being invit countries are being invit
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planned that the new orwill coincide with the
team's World Cup team's World Cup matches against New Ze

Today's fixtures THIRD DIVISION: Training mouth 7.30

STOCKDOM (7.30)

RUCEY LEAGUE: FITS
Salford y Harrow (7.30)
HOCKEY: Indoor Internal
ment: England y Scotland
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Yesterday's resul SANTIAGO: Unternational Civila 1. Paraguay U. Ecuado

Derby County's unending dream of lifting the FA Cup

No sign of peace in Murphy's war

John Conteh's world light-heavy-weight championship defence against Miguel Cuello, of Argentina, at Liverpool Stadinm on March 5 has been given the official seal of approval by the World Boxing Council. Ray Clarke, the secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, received the information from the president of the WBC, Jose Suleiman, from New York yesterday afternoon. Mr Clarke was told that the WBC had agreed to accept evidence of

Sometimes a journey is over long before it is finished. The reverse is also true: a mip can continue long after movement has ceased. For instance, there was a and back and now sits on his front porch, his eyes half closed, endlessly travelling to Timbuktu. In a sense: Derby County follow that pattern. Though they have won the F.A Cup only once (1946) in four family appearances over the years loose they with vine (1946) in four inal appearances over the years—together with nine other near misses in the semi-final—they dream endlessly of mounting those stairs to the royal box to collect the dittering prize season after season. Once again, in spite of their disappointments in the League. Furopean competition with winter, they believe they will do it.

And why not? After all, on paper they compare man for man with any side in the land. Now.

with any side in the land. Now. the helm in succession to Dave Mackay—the routhful Colin Murphy, who for three years has been in charge of the reserves at the Baseball Ground. A change seldom does any harm, and Murphy, full of enthusiasm for the chance, is keen to repay the club for their faith in him. It is promotion within the family. He knows the players, their strengths and weaknesses; they know him. There is a sense of fresh motiva-tion in the air, and the response as been encouraging as they begin to pull away from the quicksands of relegation.



He has not used a new broom ruthlessly as perhaps some outsider might have done. "I have my own ideas for the future", he says.
"But I'm taking things steadily.
All I've done so far is to appoint
Dario Gradi, the former Chelsea Dario Gradi, the former Chelses coech, as my assistant. He is a talented young man who will look after our youth policy in particular. Home grown talent is a top priority with us. After all, his record speaks for itself. Eight of the present young Chelsea side were his products and recently he turned down the offer of a coaching job with Bentica, of Portugal.

"On the field five set out first

conceded only six goals in seven matches, and indeed recently went 449 minutes before an opponent put the ball in our pet. There's a Murphy: full of enthusiasm

"On the field, I've set out first to dighten the bolts of our defence.
Derby have seldom found it difficult to score, but that was no good while we surrendered goals at the

put the ball in our net. There's a message there.

"I believe, too, our one expensive acquisition, Hales, from Charlton Athletic, will repay every penny in due course. He has scored three beauties in the last two outings, and once he's fully settled to the unexpected touches of Charlie George, and the wayward poetic Dylan Thomas flair, of Leighton James—who plays three and a balf good matches out of five—Hales will be a real danger up front. His scoring record over the past three years proves he knows where the target is."

Derby know they are on a hiding to nothing at Fourth Division Colchester, who have a reputation as giant-killers. No one reputation as giant-killers. No one has forgotten the Leeds affair of 1971. "I saw them last week—curiously, their first home defeat of the season; ptobably done to confuse me! But they look a well organized, compétent, hard working side. Formidable. The pitch looked good, also, providing the weather behaves. Certainly we shall treat them with the respect they deserve. I'll say no more except—see you at

Colchester's Layer Road inspires magic moments

Heading for a strange happening

By Gerry Harrison

Layer Road, on the south of Colchester, begins with a pub called the Drury, continues through an Army estate and drifts into some flat Essex countryside before twisting into the village of Layer. A patch of ground, 112yd by 73yd, about a quarter of a mile from the pub and only occasionally visited by the locals is the one break in this happy scene of logic and domesticity. This is the home and battleground of Colchester United, whose ground is the scene of many a strange happening.

Colchester are the Fourth Division's only survivors in the FA Cup and, indeed, by reaching the sixth round in 1971 hold the record for a club of this level. Layer Road is a tight, friendly little ground where visiting players quickly learn not to lean too far back when taking a throwing and usually fall to master the technique of taking a corner uphill off three strides.

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hill off three strides.

Despite a consistent ability to repel all-comers the team do not stir up much emotion among the 100,000 population. Local thoughts turn more easily to boats at Brightlingsea, the 7.59 to Liverprol Street and what the defence cost bare done to the sarrising cuts have done to the garrison town rather than to whether Micky Cook's best position is mid-field or full back.

field or full back.

It is not yet certain to be a full house of 16,000 against Derby on Saturday, although the Cup te has been listed among the town's special events, for which Layer Road is infamous. This season's 100 per cent home record, ending last week in their thirteenth game on a Friday night, emphasizes that we could be heading for a strange happening.

honour collected six years ago when Don Revie and his un-touchables of Leeds United came touchables of Leeds United came to Layer Road in the cup. "Ask me how I liked playing against Jack Charlton", said Colchester's old campalguer Ray Crawford as we waited for the lighting engineers to put a twinkle in his eye for a pre-match television interview. Naively, I did and there was not time to ask any more times. view. Naively, I did and there was not time to ask any more questions as, blow by blow, the former England and Ipswich player recalled numerous goals stored and acts of heroism in contests with our. Jack. We smiled indulgently until in the match itself Crawford scored another two goals. The other, in the 3—2 victory, went to Dave Simmons who went through defenders rather than round them. defenders rather than round them. Soon after battling Dave, with his leg in plaster after a break, slipped on his stairs, fell through a plate-glass window severing everything there was to be severed in his arm, almost died through loss of blood, had over 100 stitches and has gone into, reasonably enough.

has gone into, reasonably enough, insurance.

Layer Road can produce other magic moments, none more unforgettable than one the season before that cup the when a mangy mongred staggered on to the pitch and attempted to involve itself in a fourth division duel, in which, to put it politely, the midfield men were being bypassed. One long clearance was heading comfortably towards Brentford's goal-keeper, Chic Brodie. But the dog, furious at not getting a touch for five minutes, was in determined pursuit. As Brodie bent to gather the ball the dog, still in top gear, hit him on the knee and nether regions. Brodie was laid out for

him down.

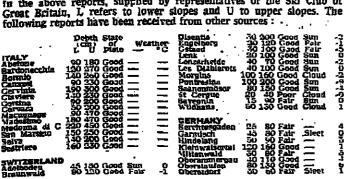
Derby could experience a penalty area sinking feeling which has a different origin. A large eim tree belind the terraces at the far end has roots which stretch out as far as the penalty spot, feeding off the soil of the pitch. Each season some 10 barrowloads of earth are needed to keep level with nature's demands.

But what of the flesh and blood But what of the flesh and blood

But what of the flesh and blood which makes strange things happen there? They are led by the Scot Bobby Roberts who played for Leicester in the 1969 Cup Final and who has known promotion and relegation in his short time with Colchester. Now it is promotion and the cup. Colin Garwood has come under Layer Road's spell. Of his 21 goals 18 have been scored at home. The captain Micky Cook is the only player on the staff who was with the club six years ago when he was the substitute against Leeds. "If we're going to beat Derby it will have to be a team effort and then perhaps they'll talk round here not of the day we heat Leeds but of our cup exploits in 1977."

Dick Graham was the manager

Dick Graham was the manager in 1971 and still lives in Colchester. He says: "Titls is a better side than the one I had which beat Leeds. They're younger and more disciplined. Anything can happen on this ground." And of course it will expect the same of the s course it will come as no surprise that Mr Graham, now running a sports centre, saw the result of the game against Leeds written on the horizon as he gazed from the store at Holland-on-Sea on the morting before the rates. Feet hit him on the knee and nether morning before the game. Foot-regions. Brodie was laid out for ball is stranger than fiction down five minutes and put out of the game for five weeks. The dog cover for themselves.



Latest European snow reports

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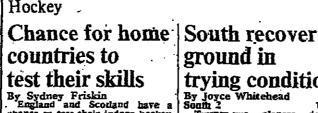
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item of interest today, however, is the sponsors' trophy for the winner of the match between England and Scotland, Scotland won it in 1975 when they beat England 6—5 and retained it last the state of year at Perth with a victory by So Scotland will go into this

ground in trying conditions By Joyce Whitehead South 2

South 2
Twenty-two players deserved medals for the way they made light of the appaling conditions yesterday when South and West met on the Civil Service ground at Chiswick. In pouring rain there was crisp hitting and some remarkably fast moves.

West, already unbeaten in two matches, played with great determination and by half-time Judith Scott had given them a lead but it was still anyone's game. In the second half, Barbara Holden, who worked hard, shot a good goal to

a limit to a player's endurance and West's momentum ebbed a little. South, in the last 10 minutes, showed their worth. They had some near misses before a quick shor from Miss Holden enabled Linda McCarthy to collect the rebound and score

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No less than seven of his 11 opponents have already been successful over fences. The pick of these are Current Gold, The Last 's leading trainer, is launching a on both Doncaster mese are current Gold, The Last Light, Bold Wartior and Every-thing. Current Gold dead-heated with Set Point for the Wetherby Pattern Steeplechase in the autumn but has recently reverted to hurdling. His trainer, Gordon Richards, appears to be returning to form. The Last Light is a tough stayer, as dour as his neite on oom boncaster eekend. Tomorrow will ride Brown John Burke Andy ttempt to give the trainer his fifth WHHam Hill Yorkase. This afternoon tough stayer, as dour as his native Cumbria. Unbeaten in three races over fences this season, the future moor, but Rimell's i be centred on Ayr Evans is partner-ne day's most valuof John Dixon's eight-year-old would appear to lie in long-distance handicaps, rather than liting against fast horses like Zarib over this afternoon's 21 West of Scotland Steeplechase. event for horses run a race at the current season is lent. But there is nking that Zarib is i to his task. Since Daily Express le in 1972, Zarib's

Zarib over this afternoon's 21 miles.

Bold Warrior is an improving novice who in the latest of his five victories beat Wylam Boy by 10 lengths in a handicap at Catterick. David Nicholson speaks highly of his Philip Cornes Qualifier winner, Everything, who jumped boldly when scoring over fences in a quick time at Leicester recently. But Zarib, the class horse in the race, is a confident selection. first run for two
showed all his old
inning: a novice
the heavy going at
lew Year meeting,
see early stages, the
as pulling Evans's
to the last fence,
on the flat, Zarib
away to heat Disselection. Another sound wager at the Scottish meeting would appear to be Coffee Boy in the first division of the Barr Novices Hurdle. Mr

of the Barr Novices Hurdle. Mr Sandy Grant's five-year-old appeared extremely useful when hacking up in a handicap at Hay-dock in December. Despite the presence in the field of the two previous winners, Bishop's Pander and John McNab, 'Coffee Boy's finishing speed should prove deci-sive.

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The Straiton Handicap Hurdle
may fall to the top weight Mark
Henry who has taken well to this
game. His only defeat in three
runs this season was when he was
beaten a neck by Kalahari Desert
on this course in December. That
was first-rate form as the three
horses which finished behind him,
Tanora, Anna's Prince and Lord

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LEY HURDLE (Div II: Part I: Novices: 21m:

Right Regal, J. Old, 5-10-12 H. J. Evans clestown, J. Spearing, 5-10-12 H. J. Evans cme Sauce, A. Jarvis, 5-10-12 M. Murphy 1, 5-2 The Guvnor, 4-1 Top Tune, 11-2 Allied Carpets, 10-1 Sweet Shevenamon, 20-1 others.

FLEY HURDLE (Div I: Part II: Novices: 21m

agus, D. Moriey, 5-11-8 B. R. Davies sh Drama, Denys Smith, 5-11-3 N. Balmer 7 ngweil Cray, W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-0 R. Collins 5 b Judice, B. Richmond, 6-11-0 Mr J. Earnahaw 7 dor Hamile, B. Morris, 8-11-0 Mr M. Brisbourne 7 mey's Farst, A. Brisbourne, 5-10-12 Mr M. Brisbourne 7 myton Cassey, D. Nicholson, 5-10-12 N. Timlier cript Win, M. W. Easterly, 5-10-12 N. Timlier cript Win, M. W. Easterly, 5-10-12 N. Timlier cripts, J. Edwards, 5-10-12 P. Blacker aurivarance, M. Camacho, 5-10-12 D. Greaves ne Lass, D. Gandoffo, 5-10-12 D. Atkins

RDLE (Div I: Novices: £492: 2m)

tops Pander (D), W. Crawford, 6-11-7

fee Boy (D), S. Bail, 5-11-6

D. Munro

n McNab (C-D), J. Eove, 5-11-6

L. R. Allan, 6-11-0

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Mr D. McClelland 7

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Mr H. Berclav

at Echa, C. Bell, 7-11-0

Mr H. Lamb

nethooly, K. Oliver, 6-11-0

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thy Lad (C), G. Richards, 8-11-12 Mr R. Page 7 by Bear II (C), W. A. Siephenson, 10-11-5 Mr A. Eubank ning Sloom, F. Watson, 10-10-10 Mr F. Watson 7 tmorangie, A. MacLaggari, 9-10-9 Mr H. C'Neill 7 Fedlow, M. Naughion, 8-10-7 Mr H. O'Neill 7 to Oak, M. Naughion, 9-10-7 Mr S. Kettlewell 7 II. 5-2 Marning Sloom, 100-30 Westley Lad, 10-1 Fine Fellow, 40-1 Staple Oak.

K HORDLE (Hangicap: 2802: 4; 11)

k Hoary (C) W. Eney, 6-11-11 ... T. Sizck
Sectord (C,D), W. Murray, 8-11-10 ... P. Mangan
le Vanya (C-0), 1. Jordan 7-10-11 ... G. Trakler
nch Pin, G. Richards, 6-10-3 ... J. J. O'Netil
sik Gem (C,D), C. Bell, 8-10-0 ... R. Lemb
vangh (C-0), G. Richards, 9-10-0 ... D. Turnbull 7
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tbria Lass, T. Barnes, 5-10-0 ... M. Barnes
Jug (D), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-0 ... Patrick Murph; 7
yrani, H. Burns, 9-10-0 ... P. Ennis
11-4 Uncle Vanya, 9-2 Any Second, 7-1 Classic Gem, 12-1
French Pin, 20-1 others.

ELLING HURDLE (Div II: 2m 150yd: £570)

Greystoke, have all won since. Provided that the going is not too soft, Mark Henry should give the weight to Uncle Vanya and Classic Gem.

There will be a flood of runners at Doncaster. Both the divisions of the Knottingley Novices Hurdle have been split into two sections, as has the Selby Selling Hurdle. as has the Seloy Selong Hurdle.
The safest bet on the mine-race
programme is undoubtedly Brave
Kid in the one o'clock. Although
the odds are bound to be cramped.
Brave Kid looked a novice out of
the ordinary when failing by two
lengths to concede 10th to Matter lengths to concede 101b to Master Smudge at Ascot.

Outpoint, five lengths away in Outpoint, five lengths away in third place that afternoon, took a handicap carrying 11st 11lb at Warwick last Saturday. Derek Kent's seven-year-old, Brave Kid, should not be beaten today. Coolaru, who should be all the better for his race behind Cornish Princess at Warwick, may be too good for Clear Horlzon in the Barnby Moor Handicap Steeplechase. Only a Monkey, badly hampered at the second flight from home when third to Lord Greystroke at Haydock last week, deserves another dock last week, deserves anothe chance in the January Handicap Burdle.

Hurdle.

On the Grand National front, most of the betting activity yesterday concerned Charlotte Brew's mount, Barony Fort. Ladbroke's offered 20-1 against Miss Brew being the first woman to complete the course. After being besieged with takers, the price has been slashed to 10-1. Ladbroke's also reported money for Andy Pandy and Goy Vulgan, who are now both 20-1 after being laid to lose £12,000 and £15,000 respectively. They also had backing for Josh Gifford's Schweppes Gold Trophy runner, Tiepolino.



Agresiva bogged down in the Offord Hurdle.

Thorner and Forster each achieve 500th winner

of after being laid to lose £12,000 complete a 314-1 treble on Master 15,000 respectively. They also ad backing for Josh Gifford's chweppes Gold Trophy runner, pepolino.

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9-3 Tragus, 7-2 High Drama, 4-1 Compton Casser, 6-1 Pine Lass, 10-1 Ductor Win and Lingwell Crag, 14-1 Super Glazepla, 16-1 others.

2.30 BARNBY MOOR STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 31m: £1,274)

3.0 JANUARY HURDLE (Handicap: 2 m: 5705)

3.30 TADCASTER STEEPLECHASE (23m: £842)

| 0-000 | Mini Mop. G. Canard. 5-11-0 | G. P. Kelty | 1-04-004 | Minsted. M. W. Easterby. 5-11-0 | N. Tinkfer | 22 | 0-20 | Never A Buck. W. A. Sicphenson. 5-11-0 | G. Faulkner 5 | 25 | 0-000 | Robber. B. Cambidge. 5-11-0 | G. Jones | 25 | 0-900 | Stellats. S. Mellor. 5-11-0 | S. Johar | 20 | 040-3p | Tropical Saint. J. Webber. 5-11-0 | S. Johar | 3-1 Dancing Brig. 100-50 | Charming Scot. 9-2 Neter A Buck. 6-1 Glasgow | Express. 8-1 Chiton House and Linarto. 10-1 Minsted. 20-1 others.

\$ 312000 Might Be, J. Wabber, 6-11-5 ... Mr P. Webber 7

7 b Bellet Lord, N. Crump, 6-11-0 ... D. Atkins
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14 034 New Henry, P. Beran, 6-11-0 ... M. McCauley
15 Superb Sam, A. Dickinson, 7-11-0 ... M. McCauley
16 0 Aviumn Magic, J. FitzGerald, 5-10-12 ... M. Lowry 5
17 0 Daviesch, J. Skilling, 15-10-12 ... M. Lowry 5
18 00-0020 Monty Python, 10:10 ... Scilling 11-4 Rufford, 5-10-12 ... M. Lowry 5
17-4 40-4003 Talking Boll, A. Jarvis, 5-10-12 ... M. Murphy
11-4 Rufford, 7-2 Thorny Lawn, 5-1 New Henry, 7-1 Suoget Sam, 8-1
Might Be, 10-1 Monty Python, 12-1 Taking Doll and Johnello, 16-1 others.

By Our Racing Staff
12.0 Crack O'Doon. 12.30 Great Lad. 1.0 Brave Kid. 1.30 Mr Wicker.
2.0 Compton Cassey. 2.30 Coolaru. 3.0 Only a Monkey. 3.30 Dancing Brig. 4.0 Superb Sam.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
12.0 Aloha Prince. 12.30 Life's Ambition. 2.0 Tragns. 2.30 Vulgan's Trout

3.15 WEST OF SCOTLAND STEEPLECHASE (Novices; £2,380;

3.45 GIRVAN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £780: 2m)

Doncaster selections

Graham Thorner celebrated his of champagne by the Huntingdon 28th birthday at Huntingdon yesterday by riding his 500th winner,
on Ari Mou, and went on to
complete a 314-1 treble on Mester
Spy and Dancing Ned. The last
two were trained by Tim Forster
a pity it could not have been for
the winner of the could not have been for the guy nor (Mr Forster).

"What a miracle if it had been the 500th for each of us".
Thorner, who was champlon jockey in 1970-71 and rode the 1972 Grand National winner.

Huntingdon results 12.45 (12.52) OFFORD HURDLE (Div 1: Part 1: Novices: £486: 2'sm) (Div 1: Part 1: Novices: £486: 22-m) Caddem Wood, ch 9. by Fierce—
Tio Pepe (Mrs G. Caiver), 5-10-7 ... A. Webber (13-2) 7
Prime Justice, Millington (16-1) 2
Priduy Friendly ... P. James (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-11 [av El Padre (4th). 8-1 Genula Rose, 10-1 Agresiva (4th). 8-1 Genula Rose, 10-1 Agresiva (51) 12-1 Court Shade, 16-1 March Bare 20-1 Lygon, 35-1 Burlington English Malliregor (pl. Sweet Rusticol. 16 recepture, Poppy Penis, Rusticol. 16 recepture, Name 1 100 Penis Rusticol. 17 (200 Penis Name 1 100 Penis Rusticol. 18 (200 P TOTE: Win. 67p: places, 5-2p. 80p. 32p. P. Calver, Winchester, Nk. 81. 22p. P. Celver, Winchester, NK. 81.

1.15 (1.19) SAWYRY HURBLE (2367:
2m 200yds)

Ari Mou, br g, by Prevailing—
Lake Shore (Mrs M. Caridia),
4-11-0 ... G. Thorner (15-2)

Winches Broom, N. Takher (6-1) 2

Moonstrike, P. Mariin (evens fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Pinza Again, 5-1

Burbling Brook, 20-1 Billy Frosty
(4th., Stynii 1p), Mercedom, Repina

Wilhelmina, Stmm's Pinms, 10 ran.

TOTE: Win. 37p; places, 13p, 19p,
12p; dual forecast, £1.15, K. Ivary,
Rodiett, 71, 151.

1,45 (1.47) WYYON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £707; 5 m 100y6s)

Master Spy, b g, by Master
Owen—Sell Out | Mrs T. Sainsbury; 8-11-11 G, Thomar (6-1) 1

Watafolia ..., B. Smart (8-1) 2

Gin Fizz ..., P. J. Keily (25-1) 3

ALSO RAN: S-1 | It fav's Third
Redeemer, I'm Smart, 6-1 Sonny
Somers (4th), 15-2 Salvage Man, 8-1

Sorder Mark, 9-1 Flap (p), 20-1

Suany Chief, Over Acting, 25-1 Ben
More (p), Fame King (p), Outch
Review (p), Gervic (p), Portrag (p),
16 zan. TOTE: Win. 83p; places, 26p, 16p, 34p, 29. T. Forster, Wuntage, 6l. 5l. 2.15 (2.19) OFFORD HURDLE (Div II: Part II) (J. Potter: 6-10-11)
Criticism ... H. J. Evans (4-1) 2
Saucy Upham .. P. Barton (6-1) 2
Aliso HAN: 9-2 Sitent Burn (4th).
G.1 Pacement Artist, 10-1 Poste
Royale, 12-1 The Merickstan, 14-1
Turasco, 16-1 Easy Move (p.: 20-1
Big Mindot, 35-1 La Brigette (p).
Black Patches (p), Halgo, Kandilove.
13 ran.
TOTE: Win ---20p. N. Callaghan, Nowmerket. Sh hd. Sl. Purman Square did not run. 2.45 (2.52. ST MEOTS STEEPLE-CHASE (Handicap: 2.576; 2'm) Dancing Mod. Ch g. by Menclek—Durley Jade G. (horney) 1 (1.52. Chase (Handicap: 2.576; 2'm) Dancing Mod. Ch g. by Menclek—Durley Jade G. (horney) 1 (1.52. Chase (Handicap: 2.576; 2'm) Dancing Wind Ch. R. Crank (11.42 2 Mear and Far B. R. Davics (5.1) 3 ALSO RAN: 11-4 far Willy What (4th), 7-1 Galloway Edition, 12-1 Golden Days, Siberico (1-4) Bellyhodara Hill, 20-1 Willy Talke (r), 35-1 Siar Pearl. 10 run, TOTE: Win, 75p. places, 26p, 49p, 16p; dual forecast, £1.00. T. Forsier, at Wantage. 1'd), 5.15 (5.21) PAXTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £534: 2m 100yd) Regat Choice, br. by Armagnac—Monarch—Right Choice (W. Halne), 7-10-12 R. Mangan (7-1), 1 Mermoney G. Thorner (9-1) 2 Mermoney G. Thorner (9-1) 2 Mermoney G. Thorner (9-1) 2 Mermoney G. Thorner (9-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Redbis (4th), 7-2 Count Kinure, 9-1 Marmalade, 10-1 Browns Casile, 12-1 Waltz, 29-1 Blecksball, Montanello, 25-1 Companion, Dolben Lass, Our Wantage, 21p, 30p, 50p, 15 (3.51) OFFORD MURDLE (Div II: 2005) (2.20) Express, 8-1 Chilon House and Linario, 10-1 Minsted, 20-1 others.

owker, 8- Magner, 6-11-0 Mr I. Fowler 7 others.

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5.45 (3.51) OFFORD HURDLE (DIV II: Part I: £493) Part I: E-293)
The J. gr m. by Above Suspicion—
Miss Palm (C. MacClonald).
6-11-7.... P. Berton (5-) 1
Resistorousis T. Suck 111-4 fav) 2
Master Riboth ... P. Baytes (4-) 3
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Monton Baytes (4-) 4
Monton Lass, 12-1 Kinvasion, 20-1
Master Dandy, 25-1 Capitain Kenneth, Dark Point, Norman's Lad. Preston
Belle (pr. Teeton Lass, Bill Sykes
(4)h, 15 fan.
TOTE: Win. Sip: places, 19p, 19p,
14p. D. Candollo, at Wantage, 13- 34,
4.15 (4.19) Geroon HUBBLE: Die he

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1 14-1100 Current Gold, G. Richards. 6-11-10 ... D. Goulding

3 044-111 The Last Light (0), J Dixon, 8-11-5 ... Mr A. Enbank

5 127 Zarth, F. Rimell, 9-11-5 ... Mr. A. Enbank

6 20311 Bold Warrior, J. Berry. 6-11-0 ... R. R. Evans

9 0-04111 Everything (0), D. Nicholson, 6-11-0 ... Mr. J. Walton

11 4-03023 indian Emperor, F. Walton, 7-11-0 ... Mr. J. Walton

12 33-061 Mevicondiand (C), Mr. Stamilios, 7-11-0 ... R. Barry

13 02-3 Mevicondiand (C), Mr. Stamilios, 9-11-0 ... D. Turabull 7

15 02-3 Mevicondiand (C), Mr. Stamilios, 9-11-0 ... D. Turabull 7

16 111-000 Riga. W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-0 ... T. Stack

17 202-31 Welton Lad, T. Barries, 7-11-0 ... M. Barries

7-2 The Last Light, 4-1 Zarib, 6-2 Bold Warrior, 11-2 Current Gold, 8-1

Everything, 10-1 Welton Lad, 12-1 Newfoundland, 13-1 Jacks Flotter, Rajmalai. 1.15 (4.19) OFFORD HURDLE (Div II: Part II: £493) Part II: £495)
Serpent Princs, ch h. by Prince II: £495)
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Rechter Serpentine Belle (Sir R. Rootes), 6-10-11
Miss Quilg. R. Champion (11-10 fav) 1
Peter the Great J. Francome (15-2: 3
ALSO RAN: 15-8 Cropendols (4th), 11-1 Right Resal, 14-1 Fruit Picker, 16-1 Chasseur, 33-1 Almander Dinarlly, Couteau, Domira, May Slave, Moray Lodge, Top Score, Hanslades (7), Umpire, 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20c; piaces, 15p, 28p, 17p, J. Giffort, at Finden, 2, 6, 8, 70 TE DOUBLE: Master Spy, Dancing Ned, £41,85. Thesite Asi Mod, Cinchid, Regal Choice, £25,45.

Junior horse show

O Corsion Lass. G. Richards. 5-10-13 ... In O'Noill 100034-0 Desert Fox. G. Richards. 5-10-13 ... C. Faulkner 7 10000 General Fox. G. Richards. 5-10-13 ... D. Goulding 10000 Relies Bests. J. James 10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests. J. James 10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests. J. John 5-10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests. J. John 5-10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests. J. John 5-10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests. R. John 5-10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests. R. John 5-10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests. R. John 5-10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests. R. John 5-10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests. R. John 5-10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests. R. John 5-10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests. R. John 5-10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests R. John 5-10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests R. John 5-10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests R. John 5-10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Bests R. John 5-10-13 ... R. Barry 10000 Relies Show of the year-in Britain is the junior international meeting at Bowey Group's indoor school at Standington, Lancasitive, from February 3 to 5. Teams are coming from Canada, Ireland, the Netherlands and Belgium. It will be the first international horse 10000 Relies Show of the year-in Britain is the junior international meeting at Bowey Group's indoor school at Bowey Gr

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first effort will be on Argent at
Nottingham on Tuesday in the
first hunters' chase of the
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Monte Carlo, Jan 27.—A weary but satisfied Sandro Munari arrived safely back in Monaco late last night, cheered and feted by the partisan Italian supporters among the crowds which gathered at the flinish of the second stage of this year's Monte Carlo raily. With a lead of three minutes over his Flat rivals, the 36-year-old Italian driver is now an oddson favourite to become the first man in history to win the event three successive times. And if he does manage to do so he will equal the all-time record of four wins in the event set by Jean Trevoux, of France in 1951. Munari's previous triumphs here were in 1972, 1975 and 1976.

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Athletics

Aukett's anti-apartheid call could lead to boycott of 1978 Games

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Athletics Correspondent

Members of Britain's international athletics team will be calling next weekend on their calling next weekend on their
"union" the International Athletes Club to press for an end
to British athletes competing in
countries which "practice, support, or encourage apartheid policies", and say they will join in
a boycott of the 1978 Commonwealth Games and other meetings
if such a policy is not forthcoming.

The move, which also alms to prevent athletes from such countries competing here, was initiated by the secretary of the IAC, Jim Aukett, who circulated a letter for signature among black British athletes at the indoor meeting held at RAF Cosford, a fortright ago. The signatories, including many of Britain's leading names, ask the committee of the IAC to call an entraordinary general meeting at which a policy of pressure upon the British Amateur Athletic Board could be approved. The committee meets at Crystal Palace tomorrow week, and, says Aukett, if they do not call the general meet-ing, he is armed with enough sig-natures from individual members to do so himself. Aukett, a 27-year-old Walsall

Ankett, a 27-year-old Walsail dentist and graduate of Birmingham University, has run for Britain at 400 metres. Although he is white, he says: "I've always been actively anti-apartheid in one form or another. This action came about after talks with local athletes, but when I approached black members of the British team there was widenmend transfer." there was widespread support." Hehas been closely involved with both the active and social side of Wolverhampton and Bilston Athle-tic Club, the British league champions, and a club with its own happy mixture of black and white athletes. Ironically Aukett leaves

for Gambia later this year to take up an 18 months' appointment and whether a successor can be found with his determination to

found with his determination to see his policies through will be, he admirs, "the cruch."

Threatened strikes by British athletes in the past have been over such matters as team management which, by comparison to the issue at stake here, see trivial, and have come to nothing. The British Board is not responsible for the United Kingdom teams competing in the Commonwealth Gaes, where the hoe countries take part independently, but whether the board will take the possible IAC threats on this delicate issue seriously, remains to be seen.

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Aukett said that he sympathized with such athletes as John Walker, Rod Dixon and Dick Quax who had spoken out against apartheid, in New Zealand but it was his view that if a single athlete gave the slightest support to apartheid, in competing against South Africans, hat was sufficient for the abole country to be howcosted in

whole country to be boycotted in

athletics.

"After all, it is the national association which takes responsibility for allowing one of their athletes to race. As for Britain, I would hope that the situation would arise where athletes said don't pick me because I will not race against them'. I will try to stir up the situation as much as I can, because I fell the IAC should at last take a stand on such an important matter."

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With the first international teams of 1977 to be picked tomorrow evening, Britain's selectors must be hoping that the national indoor championships, which begin tonight at RAF Cosford (7 pm), and are sponsored by Philips, will yield a few more new faces with which to furnish the matthes against Italy, on Feb. the matches against Italy, on February 9, and Spain, on February 12.

That is only the beginning of a beavy season. There are further matches again West Germany and France to consider, but virtually all of the British cast will have to stand up and be counted as taking the indoor season seriously before tomorrow's events are over. There seems to be no other chances for

anyone else to stake a claim. So where should one look? First, to an old face in new surroundings. David Black, winner of last Sarurday's inter-counies. of last Saurday's inter-counties cross-country championships will make his first inspection of the banked 200 metres track and then run round it 15 times in tomorrow's 3,000 metres. It could be that his shuffling stride which always seems to eb six inches too short even at full speed, is ideally suited to an indoor track. It could even outweigh the disadvanages of his lack of indoor experience and his upright action, but he will still have to adjust remarkable quickly if he is to beat Ray Smedley, the European bronze medallist last year. The front-runing Sebastian Coe (Hallamshire) could make the sort

The front-running Sebastian Coe (Hallamshire) could make the sort of impact in the 800 metres which Karrina Colebrook achieved in the women's event where it was especially overdue, a fortnight ago. But Miss Colebrook, who set a Commonwealth record of 2min 3.1 sec then, is herself standing by her decision not to compete in these championships, and although entered for the 400 and 1,500 metres, will spend the weekend training instead.

In the field events, Geoffrey

training instead.
In the field events, Geoffrey Capes towers above the others in more senses than one. As he always tends to improve with competition it would not be a surprise to see him take his recently established United Kingdom all-comers shot record beyond the 21-metre mark (68ft 11in), and consequently also pass his own European indoor record of 68ft 10in.



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The majestic display that is going to make 'Majesty' a best-seller

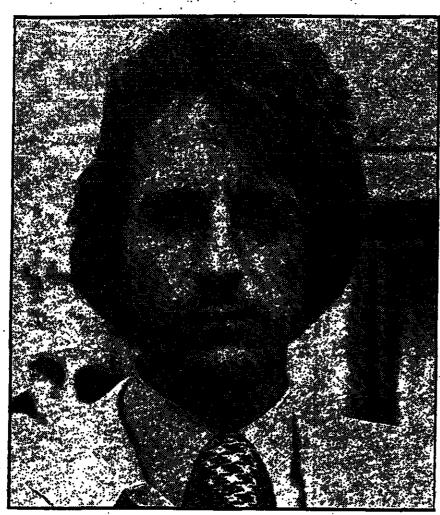
To produce a well documented, hand-somely bound, weighty and yet readable biography of the Queen in January 1977, Jubilee year, is to lay oneself open to accusations of the most blatant commercial calculation. The attack is understandable, but it would be grossly unfair to accuse Robert Lacey of calculation alone. What is happening to Majesty—100,000 copies already printed, Book of the Month Club choice in America, sold across Europe—is more a matter of luck and frenetic promotion then original cupping intent motion than original cunning intent.

During the entire first year of his research, Robert Lacey never realized that 1977 was Jubilee year. And British publishers, confused by the vast selection of royal biographies on offer (30 books are due to appear this year) only became entiresistic about Majesty last summer, after the book was completed.

It would, however, also be wrong to say that Robert Lacey decided to write a book about the Queen—a somewrite a book about the Queen—a somewhat unlikely choice for a young Sunday Times Magazine writer and editor—for pure historical interest and her merits as a subject alone. After two respectably-selling Elizabethan biographies, Robert, Earl of Essex and Sir Walter Ralegh. Lacey was casing about for a new topic three years ago, and mildly lamenting the fact that his books did not seem to bring in quite the rewards of Antonia Fraser's Mary Queen of Scots, when the late Tony Godwin, his editor and a close friend, said to him: "You have to make a creative leap in biography writing. Think of a subject more like a product—something everyone must have." Robert Lacey's wife, Sandi, who as a younger sister has often identified herself with Princess Margaret, suggested the Queen's sister. Tony Godwin said: the Queen's sister. Tony Godwin said: "In that case—why not the Queen?"

An advance equalling two years' salary on The Sunday Times freed Lacey from office ties, and gave Tony Godwin and Harcourt Brace and Jovanovich Inc world rights to the proposed book. Lacey embarked imme-diately on an intensive programme of reading—he admits that though a history student at Cambridge (and a would be but failed history don) his knowledge of English history stopped

ing to the Palace what he was doing, largely out of terror that they would cargety that for terror may they would say no to anything he asked. The Queen never gives interviews. She made no exception for Lacey. But unofficial approval was clearly granted, and other members of the Royal Family—whom Lacey is under oath not to name—did talk to him, as did past



Prime Ministers, secretaries, Palace staff and friends. The result is an extremely fluent book, but it is more the description of an institution—the monarchy—than a portrait of a person, Robert Lacey conveys his fascination with contemporary history-cum-journalism only too strongly: he became so engrossed in the period before the Queen's coronation that 60,000 words on the Abdication had to be cut as irrelevant.

His reluciance to come back to the Queen herself is very apparent. His instinct was right: Majesty flags wherever the Queen appears. Writing about figureheads has its drawbacks. The details about what the great have for breakfast are briefly entertaining, but only briefly (and it helps if the great happen to be remarkable rhemselves). Lacey puts his position more tact-fully: "If I were to pull out of the book what the Queen thinks and feels it wouldn't cover more than a couple of pages [the book is 331 pages long]. The clixir has been spread very thin." It was a good decision to spread it as thinly as he has done.

He has, however, managed to write in a tone which is neither mocking nor adulatory. If at times he seems to

adulatory. If at times he seems to verge on the royalist, it is probably because the reader is on the constant look out for tell-tale signs of syco-phancy. "I tried", he says, "to strike a balance between independence and affection". The result is not quite critical, but it is detached.

One of the most interesting aspects Majesty is the light it throws on that. Two and a half years went into the research and the writing. Six months are to be devoted to pure promotion. A subscription tour of British booksellers last autumn-carefully angled for area and market-have Robert Lacey has been interviewed, looked at, talked to and finally auctioned (to Hutchinson last summer, for between £40,000 and £50,000). Next week he sets off on a promotion tour of Australia, New Zealand, India and America that will not end until after

The effort is paying off. He made The effort is paying off. He made £5,000 out of Ralegh. He is likely to make £100,000 from Majesty. He has not decided what to do with it: he has a warm, clustered house in Dulwich which he may exchange for a larger of 2. Otherwise, "I shall get my car serviced on time, and buy better wine—but not above £2 a borrie".

What can he do next? Whatever the actual merits of the book itself, there can hardly fail to be something there can hardly fail to be something largely ephemeral about biography writing which—however it started—has turned into such a naked exercise in publicity. Robert Lacev is well aware of this. One of the first things he intends to do is to return to the staff of The Sunday Times. He is in any case sick of working at home, "with the staff of deciman) out all day and case sick of working at home, with Sandi (a designer) out all day and having nice lunches in town, and Sasha and Scarlett (his two children) coming home after school, and me string here like a neurotic housewife. He is just 33, a tall, lanky man with faded jeans and a lot of hair.

But writing Majesty has also cleared his mind. He was much mocked by friends when he announced that he was going to write a book about the Queen. and went off with a feeling of guilt reinforced by his original desire to be a serious historian. Both the guilt and the doubt have now vanished. For one thing he became genuinely engrossed in his subject, and is rightly pleased with what bits of original contemporary porting he has been able to include. But more than that he feels that Majesty was his first serious effort at real bid graphy. "Essex and Ralegh were both rehashes. This was mine." Majesty has dulled him as an historian; but he takes new pleasure in being a journalist, and whatever he does next it will be to do with people who are still alive, and events that are near enough in history to be reported. Majesty: Elizabeth II and the House of Windsor, by Robert Lacey, Hutchin-

son £5.45 (published on January 31).

Spreading the glory of the Tate

Visitors to the Tate Gallery over the next few months will find more than customary conwill be hung unusually thick upon some walls, and there will be some startling juxtapositions and strange bed-fellows, cheek by jowl and Bacon by Hockney. This is not a new policy of art of the incongruous introduced by Sir Norman Reid and his colleagues, nor another brick sculpture jape, but the first dawn of more spacious days within the appropriately sugary architecture that the original Mr Cube erected on Millbank. The Tate Gallery extension, for which we seem to have been waiting as long as Penelope waited for Odysseus or Whistler for Ruskin, is nearly finished. Or, to be exact, there has been another last-minute hitch, this time with the air-conditioning. But the end is in sight, and the extension is due to open in the autumn. It will provide half as much hanging space again as the present gallery, bringing welcome relief to the Tate, which is more embarrassed with

tions. At present it can display only between 1,000 and 1,200 of its paintings at one time; its collections consist of about 8,000 paintings; so the rest have

to be stored unseen. The extension by providing more space and more flexible space will enable the Tate to reconcile its difficult double function as both historic national collection and gallery of modern art from all over the world more happily than ever before. The extension designed as a single large space, free from supporting columns, so that all services have to be accommodated in the roof. It can be divided into 21 separate bays, each approximately 30 feet square and at least 16 feet high. The roof of each bay is a separate unit containing independent air-

conditioning and both natural and artificial lighting. The Tate has decided to use the first six months of its new space as a celebration to display its permanent collections more fully than has been possible before. The whole of the left side of the building will be occupied by the Historic British Collection: paintings, including a selection of drawings and watercolours, and a few examples of sculpture, from the sixteenth century to the early twentieth century. The Modern Collection (British and foreign art since circa 1875) will occupy the whole of the

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At last the facts on fresh food

Latest evidence from the Price cancel the increase if it turns Commission will bring gloom to out to be against the rules. lovers of fresh food and joy to manufacturers of sausages, fag-gots, fish fingers and tinned vegetables. The commission's index of fresh foods, published vesterday, shows that they rose faster last year than all foods taken together, which in turn rose more than the cost of living in general.

Food processors are sure to seize on the commission's evidence to promote the comparative cheapness of their own products. The figures are official, after all. They are also unusually detailed and offer the best available data about a section of the food trade where obscurity has encouraged suspicion and accusations about profiteering.

Prices of fresh foods are not subject to the strict controls under which processors of food have grouned for almost four years. If a maker of instant mash wants to raise his price he must tell the commission and Caroline Moorehead a expect to suffer an order to

If fresh potatoes go up and up, there is little that the commission can do. It has no power to impose a ceiling on prices either directly or by squeezing greengrocers' profits. Instead it makes regular surveys of fresh foods, which have shown so far that the shopkeepers have little chance of getting far enough round the pressures of competition to make excessive profits.

Price changes over the year to November belie the claim of meat traders that prices of fish have risen faster than those of meat. They also show clearly the slowing of inflation on bacon which has stimulated an increase in consumption after years of decline.

Although fish prices rose by about a tenth during the autumi, prices of some popular meat cuts increased by more than that. The commission found that the size of price rises on the most expensive cuts was of lamb went up by pound, best mince in the pound and rut 6p in the pound. fresh food trade sliding scale of inc and crops grow as 1 then consumer rea high prices will tak of shortages as th much discussion abou

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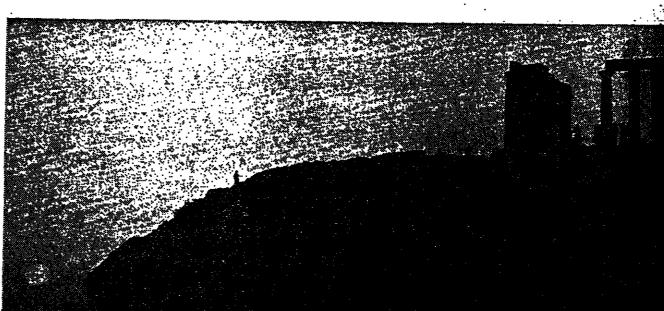
Or Evia, a massive peninsula-like island created, it would seem, solely for the sunworshipper. Mile after mile of golden beaches, including that oasis in a supersonic world, the deserted cove. Or further afield, the breathtaking

splendour of Delphi, the ghostly quiet of Olympia, and even Marathon itself, a modest twenty-six miles and a few hundred yards away (as the athlete runs).

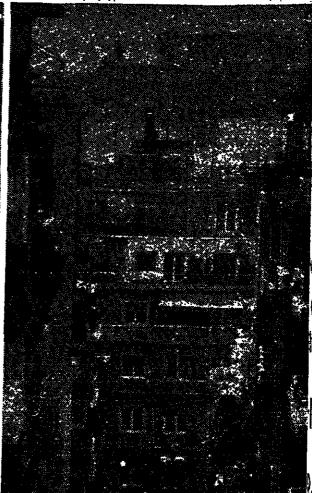
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t tourist in town, a compound of Bright the institon and Blackpool, geared to mayor, M the needs of the immigrant the muni- population of tens of thouinto a deli- sands of tourists and busien or eight nessmen who flock to it each ing Nice on year. It is also the capital deal venue of the Riviera, a town with seminars, a large resident population between the now partially a southern freeway was business and it is growing by 6,000 between the now partially a southern freeway was each year, through immigra-river the harbour and the immediate port tion, as deaths substantially

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The immigrants have to

be found jobs, too. The proportion of the active populathe lowest in France-38 per cent as against 40 on average—but the rate of unem-ployment or semi-employ-ment is one of the highest in the whole Departement of the Alpes-Maritimes, because there are no big industries, while tourism and building provide too narrow and in-

destroying too much of the character of the town.

"Some nostalgic people" the mayor told me, "deplore the passing of the Nice of prewar days. But if it had been preserved Nice would been preserved Nice would now be a dead city." In the process, some of the charm has inevitably been lost. But the old town to the east,

a Special Report





The lighter side: carnival preparations (above), the Baie des Anges development (top right) and a flower stall in the Old Market.

castle, with its picturesque It is three-quarters com-narrow streets, and tall pleted. To the north, a houses with the washing five-mile stretch of motorhanging from the windows, way, spanning precipitous its baroque churches, its valleys, will eventually link handsome seventeenth and up Cannes and Genoa direct, eighteenth-century palaces, but the levying of a toll on the Lacentry palaces, but the levying of a toll on

To the west of the Paillon, the "new town" with classical façades, columns and pediments painted the deep ochre of the House of Savoy, of which the Place Massena is a fine example, was designed under the supervision of Turin-to which Nice be-longed till 1860-on a very strictly supervised plan.

arge have been preserved. a working force. most private villas in their This means two things: handsome gardens have given most private villas in their that Nice is condemned to way to modern blocks of a permanent process of mod- flats. Houses dot all the hills ernization and development; overlooking the town but the and that new activities have mayor, whose word is law in to be created to supplement. Nice, has veroed the building the traditional ones. All this of council flats and tall has to be done without apartment blocks on them. apartment blocks on them.

Traffic threatened a few years ago to throttle the centre of the town. At the peak of the summer season 90,000 cars use the Promen-ade des Anglais each day and crossing Nice from east to west had become a nightmare

To ease the congestion,

Mass tourism rings the changes

d up Cames and Genoa direct, but the levying of a toll on sthe Nice stretch has progressed a lasting controversy. Where car parks have been beautified with tropical plants and trees, and made less unsightly. A few streets less unsightly and the conferning formed by the right, and the conferning formed by the right of the conservation is the plants and trees, and made in 1973 and even a few survivors formed, but even more ambitious plants are under way. The international airport, the second largest in the country, will be doubtled and its rank.

The hotels rely partly on gape like the tourists. The brings Nice publication for the Carnival brings Nice publication for the Cooperation and present the content of the content of

proudest of promenades. Today the British are no industry. Their French more numerous than the clients still perversely refuse to take summer holidays outand then the Germans (15

per cent). area, the beach will be deed, and vice and the other widened, and a sea-water swimming pool constructed, too, to meet the new dictates in the longer term, the Proence tourism. That is where through Nice by car and the money is. The Alpes spend three or four nights.

Maritimes is still the leading All this makes hotel-keepries have already been May, too, height of the festi-created there. It will link val season, is a frenzied up with the new University month. The world economic

> Of all the resorts, Cannes has succeeded best in cashing in on the convention boom while retaining its fashionable image. It has a dynamic tourist policy, co-ordinated by the mayor and his staff. He is M Bernard Cornut-Gentille, former minister under de Gaulle. His director of tourism, M. Jean Romand, told me: "Those awful tall buildings on the skyline are not in our commune: here, we allow no new building higher than the towers of the Carlton, eight floors. And we've banned

on the horizon.

through traffic along La Croisette." In season or out, Cannes looks as chic and spruce as ever, for all its oddly variegared clientele. One of its assets as a conference town is that the main venue, the In more ways than one Nice is a town which, under the suidance of its year and middle of La Croisette. Here the film festival alone attracts 40,000 delegates (if the medley of paparami and would be starlets can thus be called), while the town's annual trual of business rour-

ists is 250,000. of their trade in conventions. had to go away to study and They even have a few packbrought in many from out age tourists too, discreet and

before it has met the chal- tic commercial metropolis, beano, they joined in exuber- as in the old days, but far lenge of marrying past and so that tourists may be less antly as in Rio or Port of more than you'd expect. So present. But it is not shirk-inclined to choose it for a Spain. Today they are too there's still money around in full hotel holiday.

Spain. Today they are too there's still money around in blase, they just stand by and Britain."

problems of France's hotel

account for some 10 per side July and August. And cent of the Côte d'Azur's though a fair trade can be two million foreign visitors done with foreign groups in a year, with the Americans early summer or autumn, the in first place (30 per cent) high season is too short for profitability. Add to this the public's growing preferresorts have been changing new mobility of the French too, to meet the new dictates who instead of a mass tourism and the

One of the most ambirious tourist department of France, ing a hazardous business. On One of the most ambirious projects is the creation inland, on the plateau of Vallebonne, of a vast research, industrial, and business training centre. Non-polluring high technology industries have already been treated there. It will link val season, is a frequency to find a hazardous business. On with four million visitors a top of it has come the ecowear. In August, Nice's basic crisis which has nomic crisis which has no boune, of a vast research, industrial, and business training centre. Non-polluring high technology industries have already been treated there. It will link val season, is a frequency or inches or inches and the season. shorter time or in cheaper hotels, they spend less in the boutiques, and instead of a restaurant blow-out they'll make do with a pizza or picnic. Even the French. If this goes on in 1977, a lot of people here will go out of business?

These are the problems of most of the Alpes-Maritimes, which is seeking to diversify its appeal to compete with other holiday areas. Above all, its publicity is trying to destroy the myth that this is exclusively a playground

To be sure, the coast has more than its share of glamorous and expensive places, still patronized by the wealthy or famous - La Réserve at Beaulieu, the old Eden Roc. and others. They help to give this coast its special cachet. But the thousands of simpler hotels and restaurants are no more expensive than in other holiday areas, and often give always appreciated.

rrying to extend the already fering. But the really rich dazzling variety of attractions that it can offer in one and they still come here in small area, from casinos to search of that rarity, real Picasso, from beaches to luxury and old-style personal Roman ruins. New ski resorts service." Hotels are still have been created in the being built for these people Alps, two hours' drive from such as the Mas d'Artigny

The coast's celebrated ming pool. range of modern art centres is being increased. A recent well-off. And 11 new first addition is the handsome are as numerous as ever, is well-off. And 11 new first addition is the handsome are as numerous as ever, is class hotels have opened in new Chagall museum in not quite the same rich. At Cannes since 1973.

Nice. The city now has an one famous hotel I learnt that the suites, 10 years ago

class indulgence, chock-ablock with new marinas and hypermarkets, discorbeques holiday flats.

To observe this new-style Riviera, go to La Siesta near Antibes, a beach club-cum-night club that holds 3,000 people and has every gim-mick you could ask for, down to a restaurant for dogs and a set of gipsy cara-vans tarted up to make a smart boutique and hair stylist. The beach was Was shingle, so tons of sand were imported by eir from Aca-pulco, Tahiri and Sussex. After dark, the network of

listle open-air bars and dance floors with their illu-minated waterfalls are lit by a myriad flaming torches, and you can dance on big metal water kiles in a pool full of flowers. "Our a pool full of flowers. "Our image", the manageress said, "is the marriage of fire and water", and the night is still tender here for the minor fashiomable people "who come and go among the whisperings and the champagne and the stars"

Close by is the much-hated Marina Baie des Anges: a pleasure-port flanked by three 20-storey ziggurat blocks of flets, aggressive walls of concrete that screen the hills from the sea and are out of scale with the landscape. Since this project began, a big conservation campaign has gathered force along the whole coast to prevent similar eyesores. It has attracted wide support and seems to have had some influence. At the same time the economic crisis has slowed down the extravagant tourist building boom of the early 1970s. Many of the new hobday flats remain unsold.

A leading hotelier told better value. This is not me: "It's the middle class always appreciated. that is hit by the crisis, and The Côte d'Azur is also this level of tourism is suf-Most of the luxury palaces, Nice. One of the most amount on a hilloop near St such as the Carlton and birious, Isola 2000, was de Paul-de-Vence, where each Majestic, now do the bulk veloped by a British firm. Down in Cannes, the rich

Nice does not do quite so open-air jazz festival every that the suites, 10 years ago cent above that of the country as a whole — and helps to correct the image current a few years ago that Nice was a town of old or elderly people, living on in an armosphere of gentle decay and recollections of a glorious past. It still has many problems to overcome times larger, it is also a her-living to give a face-lift to pied by Arabs or Iranians. An another luxury hotel the many problems to overcome times larger, it is also a her-life in the old days, the here, and stay even for a ment of the chell the commercial metropolis, beand, they igined in explerite still has the old days, the far here and stay even for a month or more times larger, it is also a her-life in the old days, the far here and stay even for a month or more times larger, it is also a her-life in the old days, the far here and stay even for a month or more times larger, it is also a her-life in the old days, the far here and stay even for a month or more times larger, it is also a her-life in the old days, the far here and stay even for a month or more times larger, it is also a her-life in the old days, the here, and stay even for a month or more times larger, it is also a her-life in the old days, the here, and stay even for a more than the chell are the suites, 10 years ago open-air jazz festival every that the suites, 10 years ago open-air jazz festival every that the suites, 10 years ago open-air jazz festival every that the suites, 10 years ago that well. Its tourist policy is july, in the Roman arena up a near monopoly of Americans, were nearly all occurrents, were nearly all occurrents, were nearly all occurrents, were nearly all occurs, were nearly all oc

Altering the scenery

by Michael Hanson

shore at Nice airport is one de Vaugrenier.
of the most pleasurable That is not the most conexperiences for the business troversial residential deperhaps because of the subtropical scenery, the sea and the sunshine, few businessmen take the Cûte d'Azur seriously.

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"Some companies regard the idea of setting up in Nice rather as they would regard Miami", M Philippe great industrial centre." That is good news for ment.

Riviera the way it is, or rather the way it was, for recent developments have already had an impact on the environment, and more There is no room for complacency, however, for some of the largest developments are now under construction.

The biggest commercial casinos, most. development scheme in 1 is just a large hole in the ground at the mone it is English Property Corpora-tion's Etoile Centre project, which will occupy a whole Promenade block on the principal shop-ping street, avenue Jean Médecin, ar its junction with boulevard Dubouchage.

First announced with a flourish just seven years ago, it is not EPC's fault that construction work has only just started, for the city council did not complete its compulsory purchase of the last part of the site until last year, and final planning permission was granted only a few months ago.

development that has done

most spectacular example of in the Valbonne developwhich is the Marina Bale des ment, but will they be ob-Anges development at Villen- served elsewhere if the euve-Loubet, only five kilo- Côte d'Azur attracts the Nice airport.

It is also at Villeneuve-Louber, inland from the Marina Baie des Anges development, that big new developments are taking place on the 3,000 acre family estate doubled in size, by building of the Marquis de Panisse on land reclaimed from the Passis. Here a site of 50 sea? This will increase its acres was sold to Texas In. capacity to 10 million struments for an electronics they start to arrive, will the factory, and 300 acres was charm of the Cote d'Azur sold to a local developer, remain?

Alvaro Maura, for the deve-lopment of 1,016 villas in a Landing on the palm-fringed scheme known as Les Hauts

man arriving in Europe. Yet, velopment on the Côte d'Azur, however, which distinction seems to belong to the plan to build 4,000 villas on 1,000 acres of unspoiled hillside at Vence, by a company known as Vence Developments. Nevertheless, velopments. Nevertheless, there is likely to be a ready regard Miami". M Philippe market for these properties. Girbal, of the French Industrial Development Board in probably be bought by London, says. "The Côte French purchasers, either d'Azur will never become a sholiday homes or for their properties industrial centre." retirement or as an invest-

The other 30 per cent of buyers on the Côte d'Azur these days come from abroad, fewer from Britain than there used to be (when the English colony paid for are on the way, though many the English colony paid for schemes have been nipped in the bud by conservationists or by the declining fortunes of property developers, some of them British creasing number of buyers are coming from the Middle are coming from the Middle East, though as yet it appears to be mainly the Iranians who appreciate the environment,

Last year, for example, franians bought 32 of the 117 spartments in the Royal Luxembourg block on the Promenade des Anglais, where another British estate agent, Clifford Krieger, has his offices. "There is no doubt that the Iranians are influencing property prices", he says. "Before they he says. "Before they appeared on the scene, it was difficult to sell apart-ments at 7,000 francs a sq metre. Now they are selling at up to 10,000 francs a sq

Even so, that is well below the prices prevailing in Cannes, especially in the However, it is recidential exclusive California area, levelopment that has done where luxury apartments in development that has done most to alter the face of the liviera, with new blocks everywhere along the precious coast—even though the sea between Marseilles and French and Iranian buyers. Sea between Marseilles and British developer, the late in the whole of the Mediter ranean, being described as cheap sink for industrial wastes." In a recent report the Marie liquidation last year, it wastes" in a recent report into liquidation last year, it

metres along the coast from other commercial and industrial development that may be expected now that the motorway link with Paris is complete, and the airport at Nice, already the second busiest in France, is being

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planned from the airport into the heart of the city.

second largest in the country, will be doubled, and its capacity raised to 10 million passengers by filling in the sea to the south.

A deepwater port will be built next to it, at the mouth of the Var, and the old har-bour of Lympia numed into a yachting centre. An admini-strative and business complex is planned in the same area, the beach will be menade des Anglais will be reserved to pedestrians, and

traffic carried underground.

up with the new University month. The world economic of Nice, now 15,000 strong, and provide jobs for 25,000 tourism as much as was and homes for 15,000 in 20 feared—but there are clouds These ambitious plans are deliberately geared to the scale of a regional capital.

Since the division of France into 22 economic regions in 1972, Nice and the Alpes-Maritimes, despite their completely different economic structure and interests, have been forcibly wedded to Marseilles, which is essentially an area of heavy industry.

The dearest wish of the Niçois and of their mayor,

Nicois and of their mayor, in the first place, is that this unnatural alliance will be broken up, and that Nice will become the head of a region comprising the Alpes-Maritimes and part of the Var. But the Government is very reticent, for fear that other départements, uncomfortably matched elsewhere fortably matched elsewhere in the country, might want

to follow suit. the guidance of its very en-ergetic and resolute mayor for the past 11 years, and of his father for 39 years before bim, is firmly turned towards the future. This is also reflected in the growing younger element of the population, since the creation of the university in the early 1970s has kept in Nice thousands of young people who previously

It compensates for the class hotels have opened in cannes since 1973.

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Elective dynasty

by Charles Hargrove

There is something almost feudal about the relationship between Nice and the Médecin family. For more the than half a century it has ruled the town. Jean Medecin the father of the present mayor and junior Minister for Tourism, headed the municipality for 37 years.

When he died in 1965, it the most natural eemed thing in the world to memof the town council that his successor should be his own son, Jacques, who at the age of 38, already had substantial experience of local politics. It was hardly an election, a newspaper not suspect of left-wing sympathies recently commented, but the simple devolution of

"There is a lot of talk bout a Medecin dynasty", Jacques Médecin told me. But it is very much an elective one, because every ix years one has to return efore the voters; and those of 1976 are very different rom those of 1928, when my ather first became mayor."

He faces reelection next March against a more or less
united left, with the right What his enemies cannot
divided by the candidature take away from him is a
of supporters of M Michel great personal charm and a since the war have loosened the perennial Médecin hold

But M Jacques Médecin is not in danger politically. His It meant modernizing pub. of varied activities over 10 control of the political apparalic services and utilities the months in the year."

Unlike many mayors of large French cities who take refuge in a prudently apolitical stand to curry support Maritimes could show any from all sides, M Jacques thing like his old people's Médecio nails his colours homes. They were models of firmly to the mast—and his their kind. "The praters of His enemies say that he is ling reactionary. But my club into a shop and find no one an unapologetic believer in for young workers is un. speaks English." his record of achievement in away somewhere, but a good said, was not Britain's fault. When the time comes.

Nice will speak for itself light, airy, substantial build. It was the fault of the French when the time comes.

Note a skimped, British consulate in Nice had labour including bilingual secretaries. The park lies beside the Nice-Paris motors way and is 15 minutes' drive from the airport.

Nice will speak for itself light, airy, substantial build. It was the fault of the French ing, set in a housing estate, political structure.



without doubt.

assuring image. They know iously. Médecin said.

Not one of the 20 comare, so to speak, true blue, the left claim. I am an appalthe necessary by John Ardagh

dals. But it some speculators joining other firms such as search unit at cannes. And other firms are nestrating to precisely because they could not get away with shady deals, and were opposed by a mayor who defended the of lavender and the white carnivals. his city", M Medecin wide views towards the Alps ded.

old prewar charm of Nice was lost. "If Nice had preserved its between-the-wars thout doubt.

or lessure, used to take the intermignes all up for the season. The description Russians of yesteryear are replaced by the Arab shaikhs sick joke. leisure, used to take them take away from him is a and magnates today. But great personal charm and a this is a recent phenome-

authoritarian paternalism of that tradition and character, the mayor, whatever the end at the same time adapt benefits it has brought to the town to the requirements 35 francs? There are leisure of industry is no solution. Nice in the past 11 years, of modern life, and of the same time, in order to months out of 12", M amortize the extensive tourist suitable as a venue for Médecin said. pursued a deliberate policy

> land was scarce, and the dif- he said. "There is a real ficulties of building were cult for the British Royal comparable to Mexico's. Family in Nice and a great Queen Victoria, who was our best public relations agent. Nice is one of the towns in

tants is hardly flattering. No wonder Lord Shelburne

refused his application for the post of British consul there. But it was Smollett

who wrote that "such is the

valids, the sun and air being regarded as ideal treatment

for consumption. It patron-

and the Hôtel des Quatre Nations. They built hand-

some villas in spacious gar-dens, or rented them for as much as £130 for the

season. The winter one, of course. This fashionable

faubourg was generally

France's The communists had new scientific park on the ing Thomson CSF. launched a campaign for the wooded plateau of Valbonne, A number of advisors of council flats. construction of council flats just inland from Cannes and on the fringe of green hills Antibes, continues to come surrounding the town, which into being slowly. The would on the tringe of green and partitions, collected in 1974 clients have proved surrounding the town, which into being slowly. The world an extent seldom realized in 1974 clients have proved were an essential part of its economic climate has set it the outside world. Among harder to attract. Rank environment. But he had behind schedule, but firms others, there is an oceanoresisted the pressure. "Le are still signing up to settle graphic centre at Ville at Valbonne for building a Nouvel Observateur (the inthere. Last mouth a new franche, a geodynamic and data processing centre, but dependent left-wing weekly) contract was announced: astronomic centre at Grasse, recently cancelled this as recently suggested that Nice Dow Chemicals will transfer an agronomic centre at part of its world cut in new was a city of housing scan- its European headquarters, Antibes and a satellite redals. But if some speculators joining other firms such as search unit at Cannes. "And other firms are hesitating to deals, and were opposed by toral setting, amid the scent a mayor who defended the of lavender and the white tharacter and environment of cicada and buildoter, with

Some deplored that the The plan for the Valbonne park was launched in 1969 served its between the wars charm, it would be a dead city now. It had to evolve, Fifty years ago, a few hundred privileged families came to Nice for winter holidays. I had a grandfather who owned a hotel of 140 rooms. Six Russian families to rot the Ecoles des Mines, ing a carefully planned and Paris, and originally from fully equipped site with the Nice area. The purpose space for dozens of centres, was to help to diversify the The inspiration has come economy of the Alpes-Mari-partly from the new Ameritance, and the space of the could be the leading Europomes. Six Russian families building industry. Today the could be the leading Europomes. days. I had a grandfather tourism and its ancillary, the hope is that one day this who owned a hotel of 140 building industry. Today the could be the leading Eurorooms. Six Russian families unemployment level in the pean complex of its kind, per cent, is especially as Nice is well

So what is the answer? Minister of President Pominscinct for local feeling; an pidou. Perhaps also, old dynastic loyalties are weaken what makes the Niçois tick; and the creation of a and a close ear to the ground university and the remark for their deep-seated moods adapt to the requirements of days when One of the town and moons.

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I will not upset their habits,

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There is a real slamerous Côte d'Azur is is careful not to intervene hard to entice senior staff. level.

France where the population ion. IBM was the pioneer. & Haas told me he had no is most widely English In 1962 it decentralized its difficulty in persuading his speaking. It is rare to go main French research plant senior international staff to come to live in the area, nor

Being British

a creation of the English. residents and referred to in on the Riviera, and still is. Even if one makes allow jest by the natives as Le They felt at home there, ances for the rather Petit Londres.

Some pensioners have

Tobias Smollett, it was a rather poor and grubby little Mediterranean town before they discovered it in the latter half of the eighteenth century.

Some pensioners have been hit hard by inflation and the falling pound and have had to go back to Britain. There are dramatic cases of old English spin-linguished Printle and distormed to the latter half of the eighteenth century.

He spent a year and a way, which reached Nice in Legion for the Royal British half in Nice, and developed 1864. discharged ever-in-ship for the town. His description of it and its inhabi-

writes in his delightful book

for consumptive consumptive constraints of the constraints of the Promenade des Anglais.

I could not say whether constraints are French or German."

The reign of the British in Nice lasted throughout the nineteenth century and well into the twentieth. It began to decline by the end of the Church, or lish newspapers.

Those Britons on the Riviera no the Riviera no

some of the show, me procession of fashionable and dis-sion of fashionable and dis-tinguished British visitors maids, who turn to the did not let up, and the rail-Church or the Royal British

The most prominent of have gone to live in the these was Queen Victoria country behind.

who spent six weeks at Cimwho spent six weeks at Cimiez, another residential area, how many English old maids
between 1895 and 1899. you many English old maids

Even before the end of British resident told me.

the innkeeper who new or near by. Many are not arrivels in a post-chaise registered and some, wives were. "They are certainly or widows of British sub-English", he replied. "But jects, speak little English."

Science in the sun

and light manufacture at I heard is that Nice airport, take longer to amo Villeneuve-Loubet, and by though busy, is too murist- this will be a burde much-trumpeted several French firms includ- oriented and many flights finances. One is

> search bodies are already scattered about the area, to

The purpose of the Parc International d'Activités de Valbonne Sophia Antipolis causing anxiety, for it means other delights are (to give it its full name) is that the heavy costs of infraof Valbonne's grance of the control by Pierre Laffitte, now directious to this trend by provid-tor of the Ecoles des Mines, ing a carefully planned and department, 8 per cent, is especially as Nice is well the highest in France; the situated for dealing with the description "playground of expanding economies of Europe" seems almost a Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries.

M Laffitte's initial project wooded hills and valleys be tween the coast and the pic turesque Provencal village of

Despite its. closeness to Cannes, the site was still surprisingly unexploited. Today the project is masterminded palities and other local bodies, with the Mayor of hardly an area to which it is too directly on the local

Even before the Valbonne The firms already at work venture, the coast was seem pleased with their evolving in a scientific direc- choice. The director of Rohm from Paris to a pleasing new come to live in the area, nor in recruiting good local

Some pensioners have been hit hard by inflation

"Their rents are cheaper, and they can live on practi-cally nothing."

How many there are is

difficult to assess. There are some 2,434 British citizens in the Alpes-Maritimes registered with the consular

authorities, and about two-thirds of them live in Nice

They tend to keep to themselves, I was told, and do not go out much, save to borrow books from the Eng-

lish library in the basement

of the church, or read Eng-

Those Britons who settle

on the Riviera nowadays are of the more affluent kind

and do not choose Nice which is too much of a town.

and in summer is thronged with trippers.

There is a small band of British businessmen running

are purely seasonal A number of advanced re-The most serious threat

comes from the state of the Xerox had bought an option

This dragging of feet is

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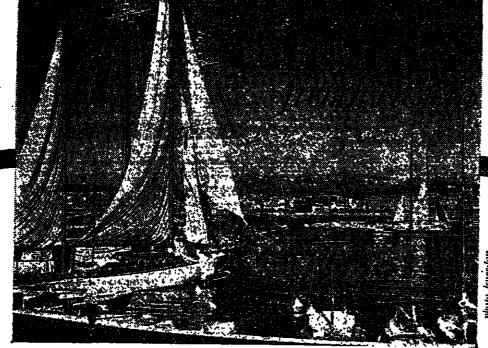
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opened to accommodate to decline by the end of the them: the Hotel de la Ville First World War. But for

serenity of the air that you the eighteenth century, they see nothing above your head so dominated the scene that, for several months together as Mr Roderick Cameron but a blue expanse of sky" writes in his delightful book

and enthused about the on the Riviera, for many flowers and the countryside "cultivated like a garden".

By the mid-1780s there was already a sizable English colony of fashionable Dumas, staying at the Hotel holidaymakers, and of in-

some time to accept the fact that the British, on the that the British, on the flights a week—as well as whole, were no longer rich charter flights—bring in the Charter flights—bring in the Company of the Compa whole, were no longer rich.

local branches of British banks, airline offices, real estate companies or lawyers' chambers, and a local branch they left because of the heat. The hotels and villas closed, and even the church. The colony must have been fairly large because as early as 1766 the British Government bought a site for a graveyard in the heart of what is now modern Nice, and by 1820 this was so full with the dead as no longer to corve its nurross. of the British Chamber of of the British Chamber of O Commerce is planned. But O attempts to get a local o cricket team going, the vice-chairman of the Royal O attempts to get a local oricket team going, the vice- oricket team going, the vice- original oricket team of the Royal oricket team or the Royal oricket team or the Royal oricket team or the Royal or failed.

more than a century, Nice lived by English time. They had their hotels, their villas, their church, and even their

own promenade. Whole families wintered in Nice

with tutors, governesses and servants. In the summer,

Britain, in spite of the fact and find Nice a convenient that the world in which it place for trips along the flourished has gone, and in coast to Cannes or Monte spite of the falling pound, Carlo or excursions into although it took the Niçois Italy.

Nice became a summer from the beginning of April one, after the First World mas and the new year, and War. Many retired British they do so in growing num-civil servants and profess bers. The resort, as well as a winter War. Many retired British they do so in growing numcivil servants and professional soldiers still came to craft are going into service
settle, attracted by the on the Nice-London route to
climate, the friendly atmocope with the increased
sphere, and the relative
cheapness of the cost of
living, for Nice was less ex-

There is still something with British tourists. They defined this special relationship between Nice and package tours in the second ship between Nice and package tours in the second ship between Nice and package tours in the second ship between Nice and package tours in the second ship between Nice and package tours. But Nice remains popular ler of this special relation-ship between Nice and mainly during the summer, Britain, in spite of the fact and find Nice a convenient that the world in which it

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Communications gap

Vives stage of construction, they nane-Marseilles) with make inroads into the hills 2,500,000 passengers in 1975. sun-drenched so dear to the nature lovers Work has elready begun refree image and environmentalists and and local people can watch reets its mil- have attracted a great deal its progress day by day. The rists, Nice, of protest, but will bring Colline de Crémat, a hill largest city much-needed relief to a city some 10km away, has been tal" of the whose population is almost bulldozed to the ground and ives the im-trebled in the high season wave after wave of large ig arrogantly by the inflow of tourists. lorties are to be seen carrythe almost Nice to La Pointe de ingearth to the site.

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ler, the Nice to reduce traffic in one of have been reclaimed from be living up Nice's industrial areas and the sea so that a new run-f a coastline bring relief to the Le Pail- way extending more than been dere lon valley which was in 3km can be laid, the noise s sufficiently danger of suffocation. Here can be moved farther from is growth to as elsewhere the geological the town and, according to ious style of nature of the location dic the plans, a new terminal tates an undulating winding capable of handling some 10 nevertheless route necessitating many million passengers can be aread in Nice construction works. built by 1983.

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ated in Nice construction works.

Cagnes to Vence has been e to but, in what must be recoge be sired to the south of the will nized as a particularly pictures que area, the ecologists present port is close to t their now turesque area, me economic price pri

are putting Cannes to Grasse and sub taines to Grasse is wood, int into new another old scheme, first This dream of growth piects to im- suggested 16 years ago. The may seem a little far arions with road between these two fetched to the people of mediate hin- towns will be like a motor. Nice in the light of the inilar motives way, running through the formation that it is going to

time; the Mercantour tunto Rome by motorway.

nel, an idea dating back to Whereas Marseitle 1926, and the railway link building its Metro, Nice not from Nice to Cuneo. The to be outdone, has been feasibility studies for the waiting for three years for controlled as recently pleted after two years and cabins designed by Matra. valley of the Vesuble river) The municipal authorities has been decided, but it will liked the concept of this expensive be 10 years before it is elevated Metro, a public orway in built. As for the Nice-Coni transport service running on torway in built. As for the Nice-con transport services of coll of 2.50 link, destroyed during the its own routes. The town's Nice is last war, it is wending its engineers knew that they decongest way gradually, tunnel after could not build an under-

orth which for this roadbuilding cru-soil and placed their trust not like garlic. particularly sade through densely-populin the Vélizy firm.

I area. The lated urban areas, vulnerntial to imable countryside and dauntbut interbut w, but just ing mountains. But it will hopes to introduce a revolu-in crossing not be easy, either tech-tionary form of transport to

ambitious project, the these expansion of the interroads run- national airport, at the of up to 50km an hour.

h to north mouth of the Var. This is lit in the the second largest provinted author is Nice Correst an early cial airport (after Marig- pondent, Le Monde.

ems confront Contes (more than 15,000 When this phase has been vehicles daily) is being built completed, 200 hectares will

Cagnes to Vence has been Included in this project is under discussion since 1965 a new commercial port to tem or risk painstaking record has to be 500,000 passengers and the continuous passengers and the continuous passengers and the continuous the Alpes and immediately replaced between the continent and the La Coile sur Loup section will be completed this exports to Africa from the too will be completed this exports to Africa from the region. cement works in the region. imports of paper, oil and

play a full most distinctively provencal cost between 150m francs countryside in the departement of the seekf bas at ment. The land on the route port covering 20 hectares, as been left undeveloped. Surrounded by 40 hectares to pass under the Col de capable of accommodating control of the Alpes to pass under the country of the Alpes provence at improving control of the Alpes provence at improving control of the Alpes aimed at improving control of the Alpes to Roune.

sidized proue of 34m aimed at improving comfrom La Turbie to Roquemt of which munications with Italy, brune will be opened; it
which have been on the will then be possible to drawing board for a long drive all the way from Paris Whereas Marseitles

> controlled The municipal authorities could not build an under-There is no lack of ideas, ground system because of

s near the nically or financially, to complement the services at ground level, with cabins some 400m. Then there is a still more capable of carrying four to capable of carrying four to the 12 passengers travelling an inter-overhead network at speeds

by Patricia Tisdall The art of flower growing and, from this, the manufac-ture of perfume play an important part in the economy of Nice. The town of Grasse, about 35km north-west of Nice, has about 20 important

d'Antibes is the inter-nationally known Meilland Research Centre which specializes in roses for sale both as cut flowers and for planting in gardens. Antibes

perfumeries and is said to be

the birthplace of French per-

Sweet smell of success

affected by restrictions in there is considerable interna. Highly volatile and poten. Universal Rose Selection, set production of plants for posed by the authorities for tional trade in exotic pro-tially dangerous substances up in 1949 by Francis Meil-scent. Of this, cultivation environmental reasons.

ducts imported from other are used in the production land acts as an international for cut flowers covers more affected by restrictions im there is considerable interna-

planting in gardens. Anothes

was wrapped in cellophane and which must be blended with which much is under glass is also known for its fields of to concentrate on perfumery, packed in luxury boxes is up to 200 other sale under the field with which much is under glass carnations and has been de
By the middle of the nine-exported all over the world.

but more important considerations of flowers is cally is the bigger market at Nice-Saint-Augustin, probably the most important ity. The flowers cover hundreds of acres but they are but modern laboratory technology market gardening are, next to tourism, the most important of the traditional industration of the traditional industration of the traditional industration at least, neither appears to have been significantly duced flowers and herbs perfumes.

Industry.

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Perfume making was intro- countries. Japan sends pep- of perfume and some plants centre where conferences are than 7,500 acres mostly in duced to Grasse in the six- permint, ginger and camphor are sited well away from held to discuss cultivation of the Alpes-Maritimes and teenth century when the to be distilled at Grasse, population centres for this blooms and plants and to Var. town specialized in tanning Java sends Vetyver, which reason. The fragrance is develop new varieties.

Control of poliution is very leather and making gloves, has a very persisted codour, extracted from the flower growers' much in the flower growers' and the flower grower

of perfume came to dominate and Central Africa.

the economy of Grasse and the glove and perfume makers abandoned glove making wrapped in cellophane and wrapped in cellophane

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leather and making gloves, has a very persistent odour, extracted from the flowers. The development of fragran- and myrtle. India sends by letting them soak in a trial grounds for its process came with the Italian sandalwood.

Petitgrain bath of hydrocarbons such as decreased as the petroleum, ether or benzene, in Britain, Denmark and the flower growers' interests as well as those directly involved in the tourist trade. The Riviera claims to the fight in France of performed grease or oil, niums are still coming from end of the nineteenth central production also imported from North then evaporated to eliminate of performed came to dominate and Central Africa.

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There is them treatment from the flower growers' interests as well as those directly involved in the tourist trade. The Riviera claims to the fight in France of these sands the pollution of these trades as a starting list of performed to dominate and Central Africa.

carnations and has been described as the capital of cut flowers.

An important attraction and been established to use locally-produced aromatic incorporating olive oil (also of Nice. Less picturesque blussom, mimosa, of Nice. Less picturesque blussom, mimosa, indication of flowers is the bigger market.

By the middle of the nine exported all over the world. In addition to perfume for women, creams and beauty lotions, pure toilet soaps in the flower market in the plants and flowers such as extensively used in cooking in the old town of Nice. Less picturesque blussom, mimosa, jonquil and roses.

By the middle of the nine exported all over the world. When considering the final product. When considering the market in addition to perfume for women, creams and beauty lotions, pure toilet soaps in cooking in the flowers such as extensively used in cooking in the area) and even shaving perhaps 12 million senting perhaps 12 million se

much in the flower growers

and surveillance operations known as La Cellule d'Intervention codire la Pollution dans les Alpes-Maritimes (CIPALM).

Among other activities this carries out a daily aerial coastline during the summer to test sea pollution caused by oil slicks or large-size waste deposits. A radio link flowers grown in the open enables special cleaning air. Apart from roses the boats to intercept and treat

Cuisine à la provençale

by John Ardagh

All along this coast there are All along this coast there are hordes of restaurants, smart and simple, that serve the menus. But you can easily recining a string of risqué freshest shellfish in Nice.

At La Taca d'Oli, another tiny and popular place, up a unlike provençal). The big side alley, the exuberant prices, in the small bistros of the humbler quarters. One parties of local diners roared evening I was taken to Chez their delight and translated in guests and the rest. prices, in the small bistros of the humbler quarters. One parties of local diners roared evening I was taken to Chez their delight and translated in guests and freshest shellfish in Nice.

At La Taca d'Oli, another tiny and popular place, up a unlike provençal). The big side alley, the exuberant pied noir owner tutoies all his guests whether he knows their delight and translated in guests and the rest. Paulin, well off the tourist for us into French. It was them or not. He served us track—an experience that all very casual, uncommer-tutoies degree of the find them, at moderate to the parties of local diners roared in guests and dishes feature on smart recining a string of risqué.

At La Taca d'Oli, another tiny and popular place, up a price of local diners roared in guests and the rest. Paulin, well off the true niçois dishes feature on smart recining a string of risqué.

or perigourdin cooking, but it is wonderfully varied—a place, and does all the cooking. You eat what she blend of the traditions of chooses to give you, and pay mountain people and fisher-about 40 francs (with wine) ement the therefore, or of enthusiasm the nature of the Nice sub- heaven help you, if you do

massacred by restaurants in exouisite.

It may not equal the proved as much sociological cial, and we felt we had vençale that seemed to come finesse of the best lyonnais as gastronomic. An eccentric strayed in on some private or périgourdin cooking, but elderly widow owns the festivity.

folk, as belits an area where for the set menu, scrawled the mountains sweep to the on a blackboard in her rough sea. It is strongly flavoured, with garlic, herbs and oil— is an ancient pianola.

The mountains sweep to the and-ready dining-room full of francs or so. Nice need not provencial dish aioli (garlic with garlic, herbs and oil— is an ancient pianola.

The mountains sweep to the across that other noble francs or so. Nice need not provencial dish aioli (garlic prove an expensive town for mayonnaise with sait code the English visitor in search and assorted vegetables). We were served a succession of nicois starters : socca

Within this provencal tra- (the traditional snack of the The Cours Saleya, where dition, Nice has its own dis- poor of Nice: pancake of the daily fruit and flower dition, Nice has its own dispoor of Nice: pancake of the daily trust and hower restraign. Many of the distinct local cuisine. It is ground chick-pea, a bit like markets are held, is kined ger restaurants feature a poorer, less elaborate, closer batter pudding), pissaladière with modest and cheerful buffet of splendidly rich to the Italian style: after all, (onion tart), salade nicoise fish restaurants. At La Garbins was formerly an Italian (with plenty of oil and gantua I had a richly puntiown. Ravioli, pizza, and tunny), ravioli, and then as a gent soupe de poissons, spicy sauces. Soupe de pistou (with vegemain dish "alouette sans properly served with red Loup, daurade and rouget tables, basil and gruyère) are tête" (oddly, this means paugarkic sauce, followed by are among the best local among its specialities, along piette de veau and is no kin daurade, grilled on an open fish, but they are never with the ubiquitous salade of Quebec folksong). The charcoal fire in the centre cheap, nor are they often as nicoise which is generally meal was interesting if not of the room. Next door, Chez local as the menus may with the ubiquitous salade of Quebec folksong). The charcoal fire in the centre cheap, nor are they offer as L'Oasis at La Napoule and Le for you but lecture to you, niçoise which is generally meal was interesting, if not of the room, Next door, Chez local as the menus may Moulin at Mougins. The drink with you, even dance massacred by restaurants in exquisite.

Fernand La Moule provided claim. The seas off Nice are patron-chef of the latter, M with you.

Few of the true niçois act, taunting her guests and

In the alleys of the vieille from China.
ville there are numerous The bouil bively little restaurants, less is not always as subtle or bizarre than Chez Paulin, authentic as in its Marseilles offering a reasonable Probiomeland, nor will you often vençal meal for only 25 come across that other noble

Britain through failure to Later the merry widow, a large plateful of oursing so polluted and over fished Roger Verge, is one of the

from frogs the size of small chickens. He said they were The bouillabaisse in Nice

the English visitor in search and assorted vegetables), of good food, even in these But it is easy to find other bad days for sterling.

Regional dishes such as boeuf en daube or poulet à l'estragon. Many of the big-

provide the right dressing or hot from her stove, treated and a fine riz aux moules: that your "poisson du pays" high-priests of the arrogant ingredients.

us to an impromptu cabaret this clamorous little bistrot is likely to have come from and modish new Grande is reputed for having the a distant part of the Medi-Cuisine française school, freshest shellish in Nice. terranean or even the along with M Paul Bocuse

At La Taca d'Oli, another tiny and popular place, up a fished off Tunisia and is now a national figure in this side alley, the experant known by Nice fishmongers land where top chefs are as as "daurade Bourguiba".

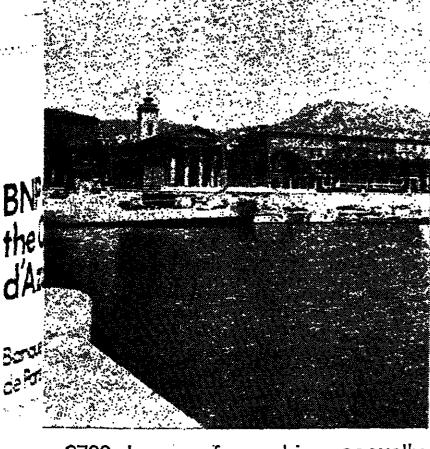
Of Nice's many expensive conscious as pop stars. restaurants, the best by Odd to think that current reputation is none other than that of the city's grandest Edwardian pile, the Africa. Today, his terrine de Hotel Negresco. It has re-cently acquired a new chef, cently acquired a new chef, poivre rose set the gourmet who worked for some years writers swooning, and his bill in Mayfair. But let that not for two will burn a 500-franc be held against him, for I hole in any wallet. was delighted by the delicacy of his mile-feuille au fole gras, boudin de rouget, dodine de caneton, and other

Odd to think that a few years ago he was running airport catering services in East rascasse and langouste au

odine de cancion, establishes.

Outside Nice, in the big Their season is May, and
Monton or callings are from Villeresorts such as Menton, or sailings are from Villein the hill villages, you can find excellent meals at all prices. Even in fashionable Cannes, I was able to eat well for 30 francs or so in bistros round th harbour.

The Cannes area also con-The Cannes area also con- a liner where France's most tains two of the world's great glorious chefs, M. Bocuse, M. restaurants each with its Vergé, M. Michel Guérard three Michelin rosettes: and company not only cook



2700 hours of sunshine annually fifth city of France - Nice... no, the true spirit of our town is not to be in statistics - that mania of our times. people of Nice tell you quite simply eir city is blue... blue of the sky, blue of 1. To them Nice means the palms of the nade des Anglais, the narrow streets eys of the Old Town; it is the animation e riot of color of the flower market. / will tell you of the cicadas in the pines 1 summer, the perfume given to the and wild flowers by the Mediterranean hey will talk of the olive trees, the ons and the mimosa; of their carnival e lovely young girls.

in welcoming you to their hearth and they will say in their local language, 3 toui ben'vengut en lou nouostré beù ssart!" which is to say, "Welcome!".

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Bernard Levin

Honourable brothers, have you ever considered the Italo-Oriental method?

It is reported that a group of Italian workers, displeased at some action or inaction on the part of their employers, contempiated going on strike in artherance of what they saw were also contemplated, including the occupation of their serious about their original deplace of business. In the end, however, they decided that the time being at least, the situation did not require any such measures on their part, though they reserved the right to take all appropriate steps if circumstances should change. Mean-while, feeling that their attitude should none the less be made plain to their employers, they hit upon what they felt to be a reasonable compromise. They declared "a state of agitation". This seems to me a concept so Italian as to become positively Oriental. Nor do I mean to refer to that charming prac-tice of Japanese industrial workers, who seek to support

> But if my Italo-Oriental plan were adopted, all danger of mis-understanding could be avoided. Under the new dispensation the miners would simply have announced that they were in "a condition of justified indignation." nation", and carried on quietly digging coal while their leaders, the Coal Board and the Government got on with arrang-ing the new retirement plans.

at Heathrow would improve if desk, the pig-tailed tycoon folds his hands in the sleeves of his to steal as much of the contents of passengers' luggage as they do now, and to drop just silver googs indicates that the as many fragile packages on the tarmac from a height of five yards or so; moreover, the same proportion of suitcases desthe question raised by the picture in my mind's eye is: could a similar practice be developed in Britain? Of course, we could not simply transplant the methods of other nations, though, as I have suggested, the Italians appears to beyond, the Italians appears to be tined for Paris could be sent to Peru as at present. But the atmosphere at sessions of the appropriate joint negotiating committee would become appreciably better at once. Similarly, railwaymen in search of a pay rise could record "an attitude of severe displeasure"; the trains would become neither cleaner nor more punctual, but they wouldn't become any less

> Where to find the clue . . .

their claims by going on strike for half an hour before their factory opens for work in the

morning. No, the eastern quality that I see in the Italian

decision is of a much older and

gentler variety; it goes with the tea-ceremony of Japan and

the painstaking calligraphy of ancient China, with the ritual

exchange of compliments in the

form of self-depreciation, with the unhurried tempo of civiliza-

tions already ancient before Europe began to stir. "Honour-

able employer", says the representative of the disaffected

Milanesi in my imagination, "unworthy workforce has de-cided to declare state of agita-

exquisitely embroidered silk

gown and bows his acknowledg-ment. A distant clashing of

Or something like that. And

Italians appear to have done

precisely that. But what I wish

to establish is the principle, not

its detailed application. Have

we not become too tied to our ancient ways, where industrial

relations are concerned, and if

so is it not time we reexamined them, in the light of the Italian example, to see if they might be radically transformed?

audience is over.

Rising from behind his

This must not become a matter only of nomenclature. A "state of inactivity" could be declared at British Leyland, for instance, but leaving aside the difficulty of telling it apart from normal conditions there, it would only be a strike by another name, and a declaration, on the part of the senior management of the Post Office. a state of complete inability to distinguish between the credit and debit sides of the ledger " would be open to much the same objection. What we seek is a transformation of things, not of words. Is there any place for a movement aimed at bringing just such a new concept into our industrial

I think there is, and the clue is to be found in existing practice. Take, for instance, the miners' claim for retirement on full pay at the age of 55. When the claim was lodged, the National Coal Board immediately said that to grant it would ruin the industry; instead, they offered an alternative proposal, which would presumably half-ruin the industry. To this the miners responded by holding a ballot, the result of which authorized their leaders to take industrial action in pursuit of the claim. The only thing missing (so far, but there is a long way to go) is an announcethe miners' proposal is well within the terms of the social

series of events, up to and in-cluding the contribution of Mr Foot, is that it is as stylized and artificial as the most elaborate exchange of haiku, the gestures perfectly well that a modified form of it would be agreed meaningless as an election to the Soviet Praesidium, and the Government will approve the final deal without the slightest regard to the pay policy or any-thing else that it contravenes. Yet all parties were so restricted by the traditional forms within which such negotiations have always been conducted that they felt obliged to make it look as though the snortings and pawings of the ground were a true indication of genuine feelings, much as though actors were only to be cast as Hamlet if their widowed mothers had recently remarried in suspicious

And that is only the begin-

recently remarried in suspicious

ning. Imagine how conditions the baggage-bandlers were to declare once a week or so that they were in "the throes of disaffection", and leave it at that. They could then continue

so either, and all that tension between commuters and staff at Clapham Junction would dis There is virtually no limit to the application of the new

system. Take inter-union disputes in the printing industry, for instance; the members of Slade, say, or Sogat, could announce that they have adopted a posture of jurisdicrional uncooperativeness", and lost production would be a thing of the past. Steelworkers, faced with the introduction of new machinery, could say that they were "undergoing traumatic shock" and operate it. Health service employees could describe themselves as "entering disequilibrium", schoolteachers experiencing considerable frustracion", dustmen as "dis-grunded almost to the point of no return". Then everybody could carry on much as before. Ex Italia semper aliquid

novi; or it's the poor what helps the poor. There is a warming irony in the thought of the other sick man of Europe helping Britzin out of her economic troubles, and although of course the new method of conducting industrial disputes would not itself solve all our problems (any more, I dare say, than it will solve Italy's), it can hardly fail to make a contribution What we can offer Italy in return I am not sure, but a start could be made with the com-pilation of an Anglo-Italian dictionary of trade unionism: would love to see the workers of Fiat, AGIP or Sasso learning to move the reference back call for the implementation of the composite resolution, and inform the fraternal delegate that his proposal is contrary to

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Peter Jay, Economics Editor, analyses the White Paper on public expenditure

The Treasury clears the decks for industry

COMPARISON OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING PLANS'

Yesterday's annual public expenditure White Paper is an impressive achievement, both in the political decisions which it reflects and in the administrative effort which has made it

possible.

If the fullness and sophistication of the annual presentation which has been built up over the previous years have suffered somewhat this year from the heat of the kitchen in which pared, that is a small price to pay for a pudding that is much more appetising that at least its six immediate predecessors. A year ago it was hard not to see "the classic profile of national bankruptcy" in the plans for government spending laid out in the 1976 White Paper; and so we described them. The fatal tendency for for expenditure planned for the year about to begin to rise much more rapidly from one year's White Paper to the next than the more progressions described in each White Paper for the four years ahead was as evident as ever.

The relevant figures for this comparison are picked out in bold type in the table and have to be read diagonally down the table and contrasted with the growth in public spending shown in each White Paper by reading vertically down each column. This malign trend has at last been halted and indeed reversed in the most thoroughgoing manner.

The real volume of public spending planned for 1977-78, the year about to begin, is planned for that year in last year's White Paper. It is similarly over 3 per cent less than last year's White Paper provided for the preceding year, 1976-77. More unusual still, the pro-

vision for the coming year is actually lower, by 1.7 per cent, than the expected outturn for the current year. Not since 1969-70 has total public expenditure fallen from one year to the next, despite all the many "cuts" in previously planned rates of growth. Nor has this been achieved by expenditure for the current

year running well ahead of budget, as happened in 1971-72, 1972-73, 1974-75 and 1975-76. The combination of the new techniques of cash limits interacting with a faster than ex-

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1, December, 1969. 2, January, 1971. 3, November, 1971. 4, December, 1972. 7, December, 1973. 6, January, 1975. 7, February, 1976. 8, January, 1977.

 Il excluding investment grants, relative price effects, export credits and shipbuilding credits and adjusted to 'old' definitions of nationalized industrial investment and debt interest. 10. Reduced to 112.5 by Mr Barber's cuts of 17/12/73.

pected rate of inflation and of tight control over claims on the contingency reserve with exceptional display of "sheer guts and determina-tion" as one high official yes-terday called it, looks like bringing the present year's spending in nearly 1 per cent under budget. None of these things come

about easily, although appro-priate credit must be given to events, events which were largely inherent in the impracticality of last year's spending plans, for concentrating political minds and reinforcing Treasury control

It remains to be seen whether during 1977-78, when the pressure of events as they impinge upon the political mind be in the reverse direction because of rising unemployment, the same control is

It remains to judge whether the level of public spending is right in relation to the immediate state of the economy, which is still plunged deep in reces-sion, and right in relation to the longer-term balance of the

The answer to the first question depends in part on the answer to the second because,

for boosting domestic spending in order to bring down unemnot as in the past to its broad ployment in the short-term, a choice would still have to be between doing this by increasing spending or cutting taxes.

But at present even those who still believe in the efficacy of manipulating the flow of spend-

ing in the economy as a means of achieving high levels of employment believe that the Government is debarred from boosting home demand. Whether they advocate boosting home production by import controls or by waiting for export-led expansion, they no longer argue for conventional reflation. There remains the argument,

presented here on November 11, for a much lower level of public spending, not merely as a contribution to better balance in the economy in the longerrun, but more immediately as a contribution to industrial revival through lower government borrowing and a sharp fall in interest rates. The Government has come a

long way towards accepting the logic of this argument in the present White Paper, though not the quantitative conclu-

implication for the burden of taxation over the next four years, but to the Government's ability to finance the implied budget deficit.

As the White Paper says: the problems of financing and in the latter case of the trend in the proportion of (the previously prospecthese tive) deficits became acute and were reflected in the weakness by the government sector for collective purposes, there is of the exchange rate and in the sharp increase in United Kingdom interest rates that were and to check the rapid growth of money and credit."

This is an explanation of some historic importance, taken with the dropping altogether from the present White Paper of the usual reference to the medium term tax implications of the Government's spending plans.

The idea that government spending or the budget deficit could be limited by any consideration other than the capacity of the economy at a high level of employment and the acceptable burden of taxation would have been regarded as an unspeakable heresy by the Treasury Keynesians at any previous time before the war

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cent in 1978-79; but here the ratio is between public spend-ing newly defined to exclude

nationalized industries' inde-pendently financed investment

and certain double-counting of debt interest, and the gdp "at market prices".

The point is also made that

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How Parliament can put the judge in the dock

The Court of Appeal's treatcase, coming soon after its decision, and that of the House of Lords, in the Tameside affair, has been seen by many commentators as further evidence of the increasing politi-cization of the judiciary. To the extent that courts are becoming more prepared to make decisions that could check executive and govern-mental decisions and policies, the judgment is a fair one. The past decade has seen a growing awareness by some judges of the broader issues involved in cases coming before them, and the practical consequences of decisions they make. Those judges, with Lord Denning in the vanguard, are still relatively few in number, but their robust approach, and their refusal, except where absolutely bound by precedent, to be confined to a narrow legalistic framework, has had a significant effect. If the word "political" is used in its broad sense, it is reasonable to say that judges are becoming more political. The more serious allegation has been made, however, that the judiciary is increasingly political in the party sense of the word—making decisions that are systematically pro-Tory, anti-Labour and anti-trade-union, and designed to thwart Labour government policies.

The Court of Appeal's treat-picion should be emertained. ment of the postal boycom It is a fact that the background the vast majority of the higher judiciary is well-to-do, upper middle class, public school and Oxbridge. Most (for reasons to do with the nature of law itself and the discriminatory effect of the method of entering the legal profession) are conservative with both a small and a capital "c". Some, before appointment to the Bench, had openly espoused the Conservative cause, fought elections, or held political office. By contrast, only a handful of judges in recent times have been known to hold

socialist views.
It is, however, a large and unjustified step to move from pointing out those facts to saying that they are politically biased and allow personal political inclinations to influence the decisions they

make. It was not always so. Judges on Trial, a detailed and comprehensive study of the English judiciary by Profess Shimon Shetreet, of the English profess of the English profess of the English profess of the English prehensive study of the English preh University of Jerusalem, published late last year, demonstrates that it is only in this century that judges have divested themselves of political dependence and involvement. It was common, up to a half century ago, for appointments to the Bench to be made as reward for political time-serv-ing. Lord Halsbury was said to

have appointed a large number dale, was Solicitor General in of judges "whose only claim England. Bo seemed to be faithful party Conservative service in the House of Com- Neither of the mons". Until after the Second World War, the Attorney General—a political appointment— was considered to have a claim of priority to become Lord Chief Justice of England. Lord Hewart, who acceded to that office in dubious cir-

cumstances in 1921, was, as late as 1935, writing well-paid articles for popular newspapers on subjects of party political controversy. Law Lords used to take part in political debates in the House of Lords and make political speeches on public platforms until criticism of Lord Carson's bitter attacks on the Irish Home Rule Bill in 1922, made in and outside the House, gave rise to the convention that Law Lords participated only in debates on legal issues. Lord Hewart, in keeping with his reputation as the worst Lord Chief Justice England has had, disregarded that

CONVENTION. Since the war, criticism of former party office holders criticism of Scottish Lord Advocate and Solicitor General, and a current

England. Both served under generally admitted, even by Conservative governments. critics and left-wing commenta-Neither of them has ever been accused of hringing party politics on to the beach. Some eyebrows were raised

when Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor in 1970-74, made a practice of sitting as a Law Lord, as he was entitled to do, but it was not suggested that he exhibited any party political bias on any of the appeals on which he sat.

The participation of judges on committees has been a source of some comment, and when Lord Ayonside, a Scottish judge, was appointed to a Conservative Party policy committee, the resultant outcry caused his resignation from the committee. A number of judges have been involved in chairing tribunals or commit-tees of inquiry. Where these have been on neutral subjects, like the Aberian disaster, no objection can be taken. But some have taken on inquiries on politically loaded topics such as Lord Wilberforce on miners' pay and Mr Justice former party office holders such as the present Lord allowed their previous party office holders such as all but miners' pay and Mr Justice wanished. There has been no Roskill on the third London evidence that they have airport. The present Lord allowed their previous party Chief Justice, Lord Widgery, fell that those subjects went for far into the political area. evidence that they have allowed their previous party affiliations to interfere with their judicial functions. One of the great judges of recent times, Lord Reid, was a former potential element of controllers. versy exceeded the actual harm done to the reputation of law Lord, Lord Simon of Glais- the judges involved.

from the episode of Mr Justice Donaldson and the National Industrial Relations Court, politically-based criticism revived only with the series of deci-sions against Labour government ministers in the past two years: television licences. Laker Skytrain, Tameside and now the postal boycott case.

Those decisions have already had an adverse effect on the movement towards a British Bill of Rights. A number of Labour supporters, including some in Parliament, have been heard to express the view that, if judges were to interpret any Bill with the same political bias they had allegedly shown in those recent cases a Labour Government was better off without a Bill. It would be unfortunate if a misconception about the role of judges was to stifle moves towards constitu-tional reform which so many knowledgable observers feel to be so necessary.

Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent Judges on Trial, A study of the Appointment and Accountability of the English Judici-ary. Shimon Shetreet, North-

The Times Diary

Can the scientists save us?

In 1972 the Club of Rome pub- over, in an apparent demonstralished a study, called Limits to Growth, which postulated that we were running out of re-sources and that we would indeed have done so by the middle of the next century, when there would be a huge global crisis. Critics of the much-publicised study argued that the forecast ignored the probable advances in science and technology between now and then, which would enable mankind to survive even at something like its present rate

of growth. So the Club of Rome initiated a further study to test the validity of that argument. Yesterday Professor Umberto Colombo of Milau, a co-chairman of the study group, went to Queen Mary College in Mile End Road to tell us about the new work, which is called Beword the Age of Waste and will be published in Britain in

Given the profound importance of the topic, it was every day for the rest of time; to devise ways of reducing that disappointing that barely 50 and difficulties over safety and people turned up in the large lecture hall to hear him. More for instance, "I wouldn't like head visited Nigeria, he found

tion of their enthusiasm in conserving energy resources, the college authorities had en-sured that it was several degrees too cold for comfort. All the same, Colombo's news was fairly cheering. His team of 36 scientists were charged with looking at the question as "pragmatic technological optimists". They investigated three broad areasenergy, raw materials and

Potentially, available energy, they found, could sustain a greatly increased population for many centuries, although hydrocarbons could have run out in 30 to 40 years. Nuclear energy had the capacity to support four times the present world population, consuming twice as much energy as the present per capita standard in the United

The drawback, though, is that it would involve building or replacing two nuclear reactors every day for the rest of time; and difficulties over safety and

to see Uganda under Mr Amin that though the people were having to deal with plutonium.", poor, they seemed happy said Colombo, adding quickly enough living at subsistence that he had nothing against level Colombo replied: "They Amin personally.

It is quite understandable, although unfair, that that sus-

energy available. The outlook over raw materials was even better. A

few were getting scarce but not many were critical, and scientists were already devising substitutes for them. As for food, this was the

relied largely on sophisticated machinery and labour-saving techniques, which were not what the Third World wanted. And they were worried about the climate, which had cooled since the start of this century, and as it did so reduced the area of cultivable land. There were, he revealed, 500

hunger was likely to treble between now and the year 2100. At present the per capita in-come of the rich countries was 13 times that in the poor countries, and the Club of Rome had initiated a further project to devise ways of reducing that

say they want more. It is not up to us to tell them that they are happy with less."
We filed out with mixed feelings. It is nice to know that we do, after all, have more than 80 years of survival left; even

Their man

The Westminster branch of the Campaign for Homosexual Equality held a selection meet-ing on Wednesday night to choose its candidate for the forthcoming by-election in the City of London and Westminster South, the seat vacated by Christopher Tugendhat.

The four hopefuls were given five minutes each to put their case, with another five minutes for questions afterwards. Griffith Vaughan Williams, a journalist on the Brentford and Chisnick Times, got the pro-ceedings off to a jolly start by saving it was probably the only selection meeting where wives would not be paraded. He was followed by Rose Robertson, the organizer of a counselling

graphed by Claire Cooper, of Vernon, British Columbia.

of MPs on disablement, was eventually chosen after three counts under the single trans-ferable voting system. He was given advice but not support from a former Conservative junior minister, Ian Harvey. A leader of GayCon, the Tories' homosexual caucus, Harvey is pledged to the official Conservative candidate. And the Gav Labour Group wants no truck with Mitchell either.

Pearly

Audrey Callaghan, a more retiring figure than ber pre-decessor, made one of her infrequent public appearances yesterday to launch a bus. This she did by breaking a bottle of champagne over its offside rear wheel.

The silver-painted London double decker, decorated with Cockney slogans, pictures of buskers and an advertisement for an insurance company, is the contribution of the Pearly kings and queens of London to the Queen's silver jubilee, and will be used to raise money for a recently-formed Pearlies' chanty appeal.

After the launching Mrs

Callaghan linked arms with the Pearlies and joined in a selection of Cockney songs, including one specially written for the

and jellied ells; the Lord Mayor, Robin Giller, munched his portion with enthusiasm and said a few things in Cockney.
As a final gesture, the Pearlies offered Mrs Callaghan

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a lift to Downing Street on the bus. It will spend the rest of jubilee year travelling the frogs and toads of London collecting bees and honey for other good

The Air Force List for spring, 1976, reveals that the commander of the Northern Maritime Air Region is Air Vice-Marshal Lock, and of the Southern Maritime Air Region Air Vice-Marshal Ness. Monstrous.

Progressive Computers achieve deadly

accurate musical performances of complicated scores that would torpedo all human instrumentalists, instrumentalists, but you might not clap if you heard one. "The ritual of the concert hall is rather at a loss when faced with a completely synthesized performance", admits Professor Barry Vercoe, a leading composer of computer music.

Vercoe was at City Universky last night, lecturing on computer music synthesis, and introducing a recording of his

Computer, which viola player, Marcus with an IBM 360. "The computer' modestly, "is just a instrumental resour reproduce any sot orchestra if you like limitation being human who is prog can specify. Just as has to learn how to and subtle nuance instrument, we have how to wrest conf can twist and bend to obtain exactly the Vercoe is direct

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The future, the team believed, lay in new types of energy, such as solar and geo-thermal: and in much less wasteful use of the

if it is unclear where our next meals are coming from. trickiest. The study team, said Colombo, were scentical about the "green revolution", which

million people in the world suffering from malnutrition, and

> service for young people, who is not homosexual Next came Jackie Forster, the founder of Sappho magazine and an active member of



paigned to get women news-readers on television and radio. She got the biggest laugh of the evening when she ruefully summed up the success of that Angela Rippon would read the news with her legs." She said she would be able to devote all her time to the election because she was on Social Security.

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again Lord Denning has ed a judgment of great ance for the law of d. The Attorney General of have the right to bar to the courts when the al law is about to be Lord Denning does not

that the Attorney I has a discretion in such He has the right to ine whether to initiate on himself. If he decides o then his judgment cancontested by the courts. 1ay, of course, reject the but they cannot refuse to Lord Denning was at

to point out that the to this positive exercise liscretion by the Attorney I. When he deems it act he cannot be stopped

ng so. what about when he not to do so? The cannot force him to bring on against his will and nt, even though Lord stated unequivocally there is a public interest is sufficiently serious as protection, the Attorney should give his con-But when he declines to bring an action that ot prevent others having it of access to the courts. is the principle that

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sive holders of the office could, in Lord Denning's words, "one after another, suspend or dispense with the execution of the laws of England".

The contrary argument is that there are occasions when the public interest is not served by the automatic application of the letter of the law; that where there is a conflict between the two then the public interest should prevail; and that the responsibility for making such a judgment is vested in the Attorney General as the senior Law Officer of the Crown. Mr Silkin has maintained that he is answerable only to Parliament for the exercise of that responsibility. There are however, objections both of principle and practice to this as an absolute

The practical objections were listed by Lord Denning in his judgment. An Attorney General might abuse his prerogative in one of a number of ways. He might be corrupt; he might be influenced by party political considerations; or he might be prejudiced against the group wishing an action to be brought. Lord Denning was careful to stress that these instances were entirely hypothetical, and we are indeed fortunate in this country in having no reason to suspect corruption in our ministers. But it does not stretch the imagina-

tion to suppose that ministers,

including Law Officers who are at the same time party politicians in a party political government, might be influenced by partisan political considerations. If it is possible that they might be so influenced, and if there were no appeal from their decision neither to bring nor to approve a particular action, it would mean that those interest groups with the greatest political muscle might be able to place themselves above the law.

That raises the point of

principle. It is not for the Attorney General to be, as Lord Denning put it, " the final arbiter as to whether the law should be enforced or not". He does not have that right according to the law as it has now been pronounced. If it is to be conferred upon him then it is for Parliament to do so as an act of deliberate will by legislation. Parliament would be acting entirely within its rights if it did this, but it would not be acting wisely. It would be importing an additional and unnecessary political factor to the application of the law. It would be circumscribing the right of the courts to enforce the law and the right of the citizen to appeal to the courts. By far the wiser course would be for Parliament to accept this judgment and to leave

PEACE TALKS IN CYPRUS

st meeting in thirteen serween the leaders of the nd Turkish Cypriot comthe men who are still y regarded by foreign tents as President and sident of the same —must surely be re-

as an encouraging nent even if, as Archlakarios said afterwards, differences remain the two parties. It ideed have been surprisall serious differences

them had been resolved meeting of two hours e minutes. nktash was quick to claim it for bringing the meetit, by releasing the text etter he wrote to the hop on January 9, in ie took him up on some : made in an interview e Times last month. In all we must doubt whether

est interview with the hop could in itself have ed a change in Mr Denkpproach, since the Archdid not in fact reveal any int change in his known What he said was, "we lready accepted, under conditions, a federal

the discussions since the implications of Turkey's on of one-third of Cyprus became clear, the Greek have in fact been for a genuinely federal as against the tenuous ation of two separate which Mr Denktash i to favour. Arguments he Greek Cypriot camp not to this point, which mon ground, but rather question whether this on should be bi-zonal, or 1al; in other words, here be only one Turkish hould the Turks be given

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spelt out in so many words, that was partly to preserve a bargaining position and partly to postpone a show-down within the Greek Cypriot community until there was some sign that the Turks were offering a settlement worth quarrelling about.

Until this week at any rate there was in fact no such sign. On the contrary, Mr Denktash and his supporters seemed determined to put the least favourable construction on every statement coming from the other side. By torpedoing Mr Clerides and refusing to put forward proposals on the territorial aspect of a settlement they effectively consigned the inter-communal talks to a

permanent stalemate. If anything has changed now, is not so much President Makarios as the government of the United States. It is true that in the past two months or so the Archbishop has noticeably intensified his efforts to empha size his readiness for a moderate and reasonable settlement, but that was clearly because be believed that the changed international situation made it more likely that the Turks would be receptive. It now looks as if be

was right. President Carter was elected with the enthusiastic support of the Greek-American lobby, and several times during his election campaign accused Dr Kissinger dealing too softly with Turkey on the Cyprus issue. On this more than any other international issue he has a clear commitment to seek movement. It is known that he hopes to involve the European Community in an initiative on the subject, and that this was one of the subjects on the agenda for the talks between Mr Callaghan and Vice-President Mondale in Downing Street last

The Turkish Government was therefore well aware that it faced the prospect of increased American pressure, to which-whatever its protests to the contrary—it is vulnerable, especially with last year's Turco-American arms agreement still awaiting Congressional ratification. It knew, moreover, that its domestic polisituation—with elections tical

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easily be accepted as a reason for delay. That, no doubt, was why Mr Demirel recently made the remarkably constructive suggestion that negotiations on Cyprus could be conducted by an all-party committee; and that, one must surmise, is why Mr Denktash has suddenly found it worthwhile to reactivate the inter-communal talks at the highest level. The leaking last Sunday of the

due in October-would not

the courts unfettered.

European Human Rights Commission's report on Turkish atrocities in Cyprus has clearly increased the pressure on Turkey even further. Belatedly the Turks appear to have realized that, in failing to longe counter-complaints on Greek atrocities against Cypriot Cypriots (many of Turkish which would certainly have been upheld) and failing even to attempt any defence before the Commission, they made a very tions mul ກ່ອນເຂົ້ But what is encouraging is that they appear to have resisted their usual impulse to react to any international criticism by retreating into an intransigent sulk. Instead Mr Denktash went calmly ahead with his own peace initiative.

His warning of the danger of new Greek and Turkish Cypriot generations growing up as strangers and enemies is one which many Greek Cypriots would certainly echo, and his proposal for a transitional bi-communal government, even if it is not the remedy which Greek Cypriots would consider most effective, is certainly worth being taken seriously. But the real test of his sincerity remains his willingness to give up enough territory for at least a substantial number-preferably the majority-of the Greek Cypriot refugees to return home. this concession is on offer, both American and European pressure on the Greek Cypriots to make concessions on the constitutional arrangements could be confidently expected. But until it is clearly on offer, neither American nor European pressure on Turkey should be Ten years of interrelaxed. mittent inter-communal talks have proved abundantly that talks in themselves are not enough.

Britain of the same range out together in the High Victorian Period, and, despite two sales earlier this century, Mentmore remains much a: it was when the Catalogue was published in 1883, the reflection of the tastes of one of the great Victorian collectors. Moreover, as the

tury political figure, Lord Rosebery, Prime Minister 1893-95, Mentmore has an historical importance that should not be forgotten. This is a house that should be open to the public, and we have no

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doubt that the richness of the contents and quality of the building would attract interest. We would therefore urge that the decision be reconsidered even at this late stage, in full consultation with the national museums and National Trus:.

Yours, NIKOLAUS PEVSNER. 12 Bloomsbury Square, WCL January 26.

ion of the Department of conment and the Treasury Why April 5? the bequest to the nation

From Mr Hugh Peskett

Sir, To answer Mr D. F. Pow (January 26), this is a consequence of reorganization of the calendar in 1752. Before that the English calendar had two anomalies; firstly the New Year was reckoned from March 25-on the logic that the Christian Era should be calculated the anniversary of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary : secondly it used the Julian calendar rather than the Gregorian. The Julian calendar included a mis-calculation of Leap Years which was a cumulative error of three days every 400 years; by 1752 the error was 11 days. Up to 1752 the English government financial and raxarion year began, quite logically, on New Year's Day, March

By the New Style Calendar Act, 1751, the calendar year was to be reckoned from January 1, and 11 days during September, 1752 were taken our of the calendar to bring it into phase with most of Western Europe. There were riots, and the mobs cried "give us back our 11 days"; the naive thought that their lives had been shortened by so long, but the more prosaic objected to paying taxes for a government financial year 11 days shorter than usual, so it was extended. Since then the "Taxation Year" has dated from March 25 plus 11 days, which is April 5.

There are various other "odd dates" for similar reasons: perhaps the classic one is that Tsarist Russia used the Julian calendar up to 1917, by which time it was 13 days our of phase. As a result Russians celebrate the anniversary of the October Revolution in November. Yours faithfully,

HUGH PESKETT. Genealogist to Debrett Ancestry Research. 67 Parchment Street, Winchester.

Aspects of the Novel

From Mr Wilfred De'Ath Sir, How strange that Mr Anthony Powell should consider that the novels of E. M. Forster exude bland self satisfaction! Is this not a classic instance of the por describ-ing the kettle as black? Yours faithfully, WILFRED DE'ATH, 6 Regina Court, 40 Fitzjohn's Avenue, NW3.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Bullock Report: proposals for worker directors

ance of a system of works councils

in all industries above a certain

size and workforce: these councils

no he democratically elected by the

workers, whether members of unions or not. The acceptance of a code

of practice by industry to establish

a form of worker participation should be the first step: legislation

could follow if necessary. There is

precedence here, eg. Ernest Bevin did this under the Essential Work

Order early in the last war. Un-fortunately, it lapsed after the war.

If works councils dealing with real issues of common concern in indus-

try are accepted, then there is no

reason why representatives of these

works councils should not sit on

boards of companies, or on board committees, with useful effect.

All this would take time to be-come effective. The time gained would enable the country and its

industry to move towards the Euro-

pean worker participation pattern, both to comply with our European

Treaty obligations and to develop a particular British version of it.

managers, investors and workers should become a team profitable to

themselves and the country. Quick

imposed change will not achieve this. Moderate but definite progress

Sir, The board meeting imagined by the signatories of the Bullock

Committee fortunately does not exist in real life. It sounds rather

like the meeting of a local council

where representation and voting is

At a real board meeting you seldom vote, and responsibility rather than representation is the key note. Much of the time is taken

ing on his area of responsibility,

be it production, sales, personnel,

subsidiary companies, foreign com-

petition or finance. Non-executive

directors are there to provide some

particular expertise for which the

company has special need. An out-

would see a group of people try-

ing to run a business at a profit

so that it can continue to provide good employment and pay good

a board of 11, only four of the

original members who actually run

the firm would be retained. The

other seven would consist of four trade unionists and three outsiders.

incapable of discussing, let alone taking decisions on the matters that

The Bullock-type board might be well qualified to discuss redun-

iect which would soon become a

permanent item upon the board

invest in such a company is a question wisely ignored by the Bullock

Sir, In your leading article this

morning (January 27) about the Bullock majority report on trade

union participation, you point out

that no one in his right mind will put new money in the hands of Bullock boards because they will neither be united nor qualified to

use it. Another reason is that he

would never be entitled to get the

A significant aspect of the Bullock majority proposals is the virtual abolition of the few powers

which shareholders possess to con-

and indeed this is the sub-

Such a board would be quite

Under the Bullock proposals, on

shareholders or anybody else.

individual directors each report-

has a chance.

all important.

dividends.

from the board.

Yours faithfully,

House of Commons.

From Mr P. J. Andras

PAUL BRYAN.

money back.

agenda

KENNETH LEWIS,

House of Commons.

From Sir Paul Bryan, MP for

Howden (Conservative)

What matters is that directors.

From Mr Giles Radice, MP for Chester-le-Street (Labour)

Sir, We can all agree with the President of the Engineering Employers Federation's call for a calm and constructive debate, though it is a pity that some leading industrialists decided to denounce the Bullock Report before it was published. The Government's statement that they are introducing a period of consultation with both sides of industry on the majority report before producing their own proposals should help to restore a sense of proportion.

It does not seem to have been

understood so far that Bullock is recommending an optional and not a mandatory system of worker directors. The option is dependear on a majority of all employees, in a company of 2,000 workers and over voting in favour—and that majority has to represent at least a third of all employees.

The Bullock formula of boardroom representation also leaves room both for "participation agreements" between management and unions, and for forms of participa-tion at lower level, which Bullock stresses are essential.

So we are not discussing a rigid and imposed way of doing things but flexible arrangements, which offer a range of options and rely on consent

But whatever the final details of the Government's proposals there should be a full discussion on a number of issues, including elections of worker directors, unitary v two-tier boards, and the 2X + Y

distribution of directors. We need carefully but steadily to increase industrial democracy. Employees, through their own organizations (which represent over 70 per cent of all employees in companies employing 2,000 workers and over), ought to have a say in the strategic decisions which affect

their lives.

Britain is a long way behind
West Germany and the Scandinavian countries and a determined and concerted strategy, which will enable industry to utilize the energies of all employees, will be required if we are to catch up. Yours faithfully,

GILES RADICE. House of Commons.

From Mr Kenneth Lewis, MP jor Rutland and Stamford (Conserva-

tive) · Sir, Parliament and the people of this country have had to consider numbers of Government Reports in recent years. Some of these have achieved legislative status arising out of obvious public support. With others the people bave found that the legislation has been thrust upon them. Other Reports are forgotten.

The Bullock Report should not be the subject of rushed legislation. Nor can it be forgotten or set aside. It should not be the subject of rushed legislation simply because this country has suffered too much in recent years from rushed legis-lation arising out of Reports to Covernment This has applied in the field of local government, the Health Service and labour relations. A rush into the implementation

of the Bullock majority report, at a time when increased productivity and expansion to reduce employment must take priority, would be destructive and not constructive.

But that does not mean that nothing should be done. The fact is that movement towards increased

worker participation in British industry is necessary and can be constructive. But it should go step by step, gathering experience and one would hope, success, as it goes. Violent change destructive. would

What must be considered is that the European Community will soon seek a common system on worker representation in industry through either unitary or supervisory boards. There will be a phasingin period. There may also be a certain amount of flexibility allowed to member countries. In any case, there will be five or six years for us to make progress. So, while Bullock cannot be forgotten or set aside by any political party, it need not be rushed.

Meanwhile, there would be merit in getting agreement between in-dustry and the unions for the accept-

From The Dean of St George's

Anglican Cathedral, Jerusalem and

Sir, In a letter published in The

Times of January 20, Mr David Krivine severely criticizes the letter

from us which you printed on January 7. May we make the

llowing reply? When Mr Krivine investigated the

evictions to which we referred, he was shown the only part of the three homes which had not been demolished. This was not the entire

house inhabited by one family

before their eviction but the one

remaining room of that house after

the demolition of the rest. This

room was allowed to remain because it has above it the office of the

Jewish Quarter Reconstruction

At the time of eviction, one

family had been offered free alter-

native accommodation. A second

family had been offered half the

cost of accommodation. Nor until

some 10 days after the eviction was

the offer changed to a flat free of

charge. At the time of writing, the

head of the third family, a widow.

has received no offer of compensa-

tion. None of the families has

received an offer of cash instead of

settlement of the Jewish Quarter

"priority is given to Jewish appli-cants". In reality, only applications

from Jews are considered. In an

arricle published in The Icrusclem

Post of January 16 Mr Krivine him-

self states: "In the unlikely event that the three Arab families apply

for the purchase of a new flat in the

Jewish Quarter after it is rebuilt,

their application will not be enter-

tained." We are informed that now

the only applications from Jews that

are considered are those from new

immigrants or persons who have done a period of military service.

The effect of this policy will be to ensure that the lewish Quarter

has no non-lewish inhabitants. In

the past there have always been

Mr Krivine states that in the re-

eviction and demolition.

responsible for the

Jerusalem eviction

others

Company.

trol the activities of their boards, including their ultimate sanction of withdrawing their money, or what some Arabs living in the Quarter, and a number of Jewish families living there have been tenants of Arab landlords. We believe that the continued presence of a mixed population in each of the quarters of the Old City will assist consider-ably the establishment of normal

of Jerusalem. The part of the Old City which has been expropriated for the re-construction of the Jewish Quarter is certainly larger than the area of that Quarter in 1948.

relations between all the inhabitants

East Jerusalem was annexed to the municipality of West Jerusalem in 1967. International law does not recognize this annexation. Under the Geneva Convention, which the Government of Israel signed, but which she constantly violates, occupying governments are prohibited from making material changes in the lives of the inhabitants of occupied areas based on the internal laws of the occupying power. Such evictions as these in the Old City of Jerusalem are a clear contravention of these pro-

In conclusion, may we say that we are not concerned to be either " pro-Arab" or "pro-Jewish". If a label must be attached to the position we wish to affirm, we would like it to be "pro-human". Our concern is for all the inhabitants of this land. Some Israeli Jews, we know, share our disquiet. We believe that tilere are many more who do not know some of the things that their Government is doing in their name. They will be the sufferers under any backlash that may be released hy these policies. We still have faith that a change of heart can produce a new situation out of which Jerusalem will arise as a true City

visions.

of Peace. Yours faithfully, G. CLIVE HANDFORD. EDWARD EVERY. ADELA M. EVERY. C. MURRAY ROGERS, St George's Close,

Jerusalem.

may be left of it, by putting the company into liquidation. This sanction (already hedged by significant legal safeguards relating to redundan-cies) is, apart from anything else, an essential counter balance to the right of trade unions to procure the withdrawal of labour in the circum-

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stances of a trade dispute. Few would now suggest that this right should be curtailed, and the fact that it would be impracticable to do so only serves to underline the need for the counter balance. That shareholders are sufficiently res-ponsible to refrain from exercising their power of withdrawing their capital except in extreme circumstances is no argument for abolishing that power.

Early in the majority report, con-

phasis is placed on the TUC view that capital and labour are equal partners in the modern enterprise. It is only by reading nearly to the end that one appreciates the signifi-cance of the qualifying words "in some respects Yours faithfully. PETER ANDRAS.

1 Serieants' Inn. Fleet Street, EC4.

From Dr D. B. Southern Sir, In the discussion of the Bullock Report and workers' participation in industry, two misconceptions are

1. The West German system of co-determination is held up as a model for imitation by, among others, Mr Callaghan and Mr Steel. Employee participation in Germany was grafted on to a highly developed system of labour law and courts, and could not operate without it. Disputes arising under the co-determination procedures established by law are referred to labour courts for resolution. In Britain the extension of the law to embrace indus-trial relations has been resisted by above all the trade unions, so that industrial relations in this country

have developed outside the law.

To advocate the adoption of the German system of co-determination divorced from its essential concemitant, legal control of industrial relations, is illogical. One cannot secure the advantages of an institution without satisfying the necescondition of its successful

sider observing the board in action would not get the impression it was preoccupied in representing the operation. 2. Great Britain is credited with having introduced the system of co-determination into West German industry after 1945. However, the foundations bad been laid much earlier. The two-board system grew up in the nineteenth century to give German banks and state institutions a say in the running of companies, in whose financing they were directly engaged; the introduction of law into industrial relations was

accepted in the nineteenth century; labour courts and works councils were established in the 1920s.

After 1945, British occupation authorities engaged in the shortgenerally occupy the attention of a board. It could be found that no discussion was possible on say, a lived policy of Demontage, whereby subsidiary company, foreign sales or purchasing policy because the directors individually responsible for these areas had been removed reparations were extracted by the dismantling and removal of the plant of Ruhr industries. To compensate workers for the loss of their jobs, they were given a place on enlarged works councils.

Around the policy of Demontage folklore of co-determination has been erected. Adenauer introduced employee representation on the supervisory boards in the con Why anybody should want to steel industry in 1951, in a bid to secure workers' acceptance of German membership of the European Coal and Steel Community, to which their trade unions were

opposed. Yours faithfully. DAVID SOUTHERN. Faculty of Social Sciences, Parwin College,

Canterbury, Kent.

From Mr R. E. Hardman Sir, Mr Dell tells us that we will accept what he chooses to call "in-dustrial democracy" because we have all apparently accepted what

he chooses to call democracy". Can we therefore expect those exercising only 28 per cent of all available board room votes to claim

mandate? Yours faithfully.

R. E. HARDMAN. 46/47 Bloomsbury Square, WC1.

The new 'Express' From Mr Robin Dobson Sir. I read with interest the reply

by Charles Wintour to your "rather jaundiced columnist PHS (January 25)" in today's The Times (January 26). Being a rather jaundiced sceptic myself I should be most interested to know how he arrived at the figure of 600,000 new readers, when at the time of writing I could not have received all his returns. Secondly how does he conclude that the younger age group made up a large part of these new 600,000 readers. Yours truly, ROBIN DOBSON,

Epping, Essex.

Garnon Limes,

Kendal Avenue.

On handing over office From Mr T. Courlander

Sir, It was interesting to watch the inaugural speech of the new President of the United States live from the Capitol grounds, but not for the speeches. We may snide at the Americans for their weak attempts at ceremonies such as this but what seems to have gone unnoticed by the media is the great dignity with which both President Carter and Mr Ford conducted themselves.

It has been made public that Mr Ford held a dislike for President Carter but we saw none of it on our television screens. Is it not a shame that our own politicians do not hand over power with the same dignity? This would be far better than sneaking out of the back door of

Number 10. Politicians would, therefore, not be looked upon so much as public. enemies but more as dignified people who hold different political views. This would surely help to dissolve some of the extremism that is apparent in our society today. Yours faithfully. TOBY COURLANDER, Noreena. Ham Common,

Ham, Surrey.

Forming the next incomes policy

From the General Secretary, National Union of Bank Employees Sir, Recent letters and public comment about the form that phase three of pay policy should take are timely. The whole debate has, of course, a sense of deja vu about it, but I suppose that is inevitable. Undoubtedly the debate reveals that while there will have to be a third while there will have to be a third phase, it must be flexible more realistic in its purpose and

more fair in its application.

At the moment incomes policy is so manifestly unfair that its excuse that it is the best incomes policy we have because in fact it is the only one, is losing credibility. We—as are other unions—are being continually asked questions about it that are increasingly more difficult to answer.

Staffs who work in London (and large towns) query why territorial allowance increases—which are after all mainly compensation for costs particularly travel to work, actually incurred—cannot be implemented outside the pay limit: otherwise they are disproportionately worse off than those who live in other parts of the country. Staffs who are asked to move to another branch or department on promotion query why in some cases there is not only no financial incentive for them to do so but in fact—with different costs of location and travel—they should actually suffer a financial loss by

accepting higher responsibility. Staffs in managerial and submanagerial grades query the logic of flat rate pay increases which mean that £6 a week to an 18-year-old member of staff in a clearing bank is an increase of 24.7 per cent but only a 6 per cent increase for staff on minimum managerial salary and nothing at all for those earning £8,500 per annum because of the unnecessary cosmetic cut off at that figure; indeed, the phase 2 flat rate increase of £2.50 per week to £4 per week (the percentage in between has very limited application) will actually aggravate this

It may be argued that the tax concessions introduced by the 1976 Finance Act were designed to offset the effect of flat rate pay policies on middle and higher income earners. In fact we estimate that in 1976-77 the worth of the tax concessions—set against the increased National Health insurance payments made in the same 12 month period —to a married man with two ren under 11 years (ie, with maximum tax concessions) on a minimum managerial salary, is 74 pence per

annum in net income.

I do not wish to denigrate in any way the great psychological and practical contribution that trade union cooperation in incomes policy has made both here and abroad, but there must be a new form of policy after August 1, 1977.

There must be provision for a restoration and in some cases a widening of differentials, for pay policy to include a percentage rate base, and for territorial allowances and genuine incentive and productivity schemes to be implemented outside the pay limit. These provisions could well mean a monitoring mechanism either by a revamped Prices and Incomes Board or Pav Board or else some analogous TUC 'CBI body.

The crude Occam's razor of simple pay policies-applied to a complex pay policies—applied to a complex set of industries with different pay structures (and in our case job evaluated career pay structures)—are distorting, unfair and retropressive. It should not be ton much for all those concerned in the formulation of pay policy to accept that these days simplicity is not necessarily a virtue. Yours faithfully,

FIF MILLS. General Secretary, National Union of Eanly Employees, Sheffield House Portsmouth Road.

Silencing the media

Esher, Surrey.

From the Managing Director of Capital Radio

Sir, Paul Sieghart's letter (January 19) suggesting that laws should be devised which would protect privacy without festering the press werries me considerably. However well intentioned, laws designed to silence any form of media on any subject tend to be far more restrictive than is originally envisaged.

In trying to arrange a major debate on the future of broadcasting for our next Headline programme on February 4, we have come up against Section 4(2) of the Independent Broadcasting Act. This places upon the IBA the duty of excluding from its programmes any expression of opinion of a director or officer of a programme company. or of an officer of the IBA relating to "matters of political or indus-trial controversy or relating to cur-

rent public policy".

This prevents our having on the programme most of the acknowledzed experts on the subject of independent radio and any authoritative voice of the IBA—an essential part, surely, of any discussion on the future of broadcasting, as we come up to the publication of the Annan report on our

industry.
Yours faithfully, JOHN WHITNEY, Managing Director, Capital Radio Limited, Euston Tower, NW1. January 21.

Person wanted

From Mrs Miriam Kochan Sir, While commending the practice

of your newspaper in phrasing its "Situations Vacant" in conformity with the terms of the Sex Discrimination Act, I fear it is proving expensive in terms of phone bills and postage costs to would-be applicants.

My son (a member of the unemployed graduate class) placed a long-distance call yearerday to a prospective employer only to be told the moment he had given his name: Sorry, we want a girl." Yours, etc. MIRIAM KOCHAN, 237 Woodstock Road,

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Repeal of 437

laws sought

By Our Legal Correspondent
Chinese passengers in British ships
leaving Hongkong may soon be
losing the protection of the law
but they are unlikely, in these
enlightened days, to suffer
appalling hygienic conditions on
board. The law, the Chinese
Passengers Act, 1855, is among
437 enactments recommended for
repeal by the Law Commission and
the Statute Law Commission in a
report published yesterday.

The Act was passed with the aim of providing minimum standards for Chinese emigrants going to the United States and Australia as indemured coolle labour. But

is indefinited toolle labour. But it had the effect of driving the trade to Macao, where no such restrictions existed. The commissions believe that the law has served its purpose and need no longer remain on the statute book.

The list of recommended repeals glitters with the names of the grear, such as Prince Albert, the

Prince Consort. The Act of 1840 conferring British nationality on him is one of those considered

Henry the Eighth, it appears from the list, was very generous to several of his wives. Acts of 1533 and 1536 conferred various

special property rights on Anne Boleyn and Jane Seymour, though neither lived long enough to take adequate advantage of them. An Act of 1536 allowed Katherine of Aragon to be known as the

The commission recommend

deavours to prevent fires, murders burglaries, robberies and other outrages and disorders; and to that end . . arrest and apprehend all night-walkers, malefactors rogues vagabonds and all disorders; presents."

If the recommendations of the

commissions are acted on their task of weeding out obsolete laws will have resulted in about 2,000

enactments being repealed, includ-ing nearly 750 complete Acts.

The Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission. Statute Law Revision. Eighth Report. (Cand 6719. Stationery Office.

orderly persons."

unnecessary.

Princess Dowager.

By Our Legal Correspondent

report published yesterday.

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COURT CIRCULAR

January 27: The Duchess of Kent today opened the Geriatric Day Hospital and Amenity Ward at St blary Abbots Hospital. Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
Jamuary 27: Princess Alexandra
tals morning planned the first tree
for the Kingston Jubilee Tree
Fund at Surbiton Lagoon.
This evening, Her Royal Highness and the Hon Angus Ogilvy
were present at a Gala Performance, in ald of the Teddington
Theatre Club Extension Fund, at
Hampton Court Theatre. Hampton Court Theatre.
Miss Mona Mitchell was in attendance.

A memorial service for General Sir John Sharp, lace Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Northern Europe, will be held in the Royal Memorial Chapel, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, at 2.30 pm on Friday February 25. Applications for tickets of admission should be made in writing to the Director Royal Artillery, Woolwich, London, SE18, before February 14. February 14.

A memorial service for Lieutenant-Commander Charles Edward Phillips, of Le Domaine de Aligrou, Biarritz, will be held on Monday, January 31, in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, at 11.30 am.

Birthdays today Sir Albert Coates, 82: Major-Ceneral W. A. F. L. Fox-Pitt. 81; Lord Hollenden, 92: Sir A. Gren-fell Price, 85; Mr Arthur Rubin-scein, 90; Lord Windlesham, 45.

Marriage Mr D. J. S. Shaw and Mrs A. E. Z. Wrinch

The marriage took place in London yesterday between Mr David James Sawyer Shaw, of 4 Cress-well Gordens London SW5. and Mrs Audrey Elizabeth Zoë Wrinch, of Wesley House, Priors Marston, Rugby, Warwickshire.

Latest wills Latest estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Appleyard, Mr James Eric Gaunt,
of Ilkley £184.429
Eardley, Mr George of West
Kensington, company director
£192,255

Thomson, Mrs Beatrice Marzaret Westbourne Louise, of Deganwy . £176,835 Humberside.



Mrs Callaghan, wife of the Prime Minister, in a pearly queen's hat, talking to Mr " Tubby " Isaacs, the East End shellfish merchant, after the launching in Covent Garden yesterday of the Pearly Appeal Bus as the cockney salute to the Queen's silver jubilee (Diary, page 16).

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon J. E. M. Elles and Dr F. M. Le Bail The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr Neil Elles and Baroness Elles, of 75 Ashley Gardens, London, SW1, and Francoice, daughter of M and Mme F-Y. Le Ball, of 6 rue de S.ze, Bordeaux, France.

Mr G. L. Close The engagement is announced between George Close, of Brussels, Belgium, son of Colonel and Mrs L. Close, of Formby, Lancashire, and Porricia, only daughter of Mrs J. M. Bowes, of Richmond. Surrey, and of the late Mr T. S. Bowes.

Mr P. Lovick and Miss M. L. Evans The engagement is announced between Paul Lovick, of Polegate, and Megan Evans, of Bexhill, East

Mr A. T. R. NeU and Miss R. J. M. Parc The engagement is announced between Tom, eldest son of Mrs Mre Nell and the late Dr H. A. Nell, of Cape Town, and Rosslind, younger daughter of Mrs T. V. A. Parr and the late Mr R. J. G. Parr, of Dublin.

Mr R. J. F. Watson and Miss J. Barker The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the Rev Canon C. H. B. and Mrs Watson, of Gedling Rectory, Nottingnam, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. L. Barker, of Arden Lee, Westbourne Grove, Goole, North

Mr R. L. Backway and Miss P. R. C. Byrde

and Miss P. R. C. Byttle
The engagement is announced between Roger, only son of the late Mr W. Backway and of Mrs Backway, of 36 Wylie Road, Hoo, Rochester, and Prudence, younger daughter of the late Major H. E. Byttle, The Welch Regiment, and of Mrs Byttle, of 12 Raby Place, Bath.

.Mr J. A. J. Deans and Miss J. A. Hewlings

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs D. L. Deans, of Rustington, Sussers, and Jane Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. H. S. Hewlines, of Highgate Village, London, N6. Mr G. Maxwell-Bretscher

Miss R. M. Povey The engagement is announced between Gordon, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Maxwell-Bretscher, of Hove, Sussex, and Rachel Margaret, younger daughter of Mr Edward Povey, of Findon Valley, Worthing, and of Mrs Cecilia Povey, of Malt House, Chilton, Didcot, Oxfordshire.

Mr R. N. Paterson and Miss A. M. T. Poyser The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs E. R. Paterson, of Great Enton, Godalming. Surrey, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. S. Poyser, of Old Vicarage, Woodborough, Nottinghamshire.

Mr J. P. Webster and Miss K. E. Bennett

engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of the late Mr P. S. Webster and of Mrs Webster, of Easton Hall, Suffolk, and Kate, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs C. P. Bennett, of Loddon, Norfolk.

made by Mortimer and Bunt in 1843 and weighing 2000z, brought £2,200 (estimate £1,200 to £1,500).

Mr H. Baranga and Miss J. Fassbender

The engagement is announced between Harry, son of Dr Aurel and Mrs Gilberte Baranga, of Bucharest, Romania, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugo Fassbender, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, London.

Mr D. A. Hunter and Miss S. E. Cleminson

The engagement is announced between David Andrew, son of Group Captain K. G. Hunter, OBE, RAF, and Mrs Hunter, of the British Embassy, Tokyo, and Susan Elizabeth, younger daughter of the Rev J. H. Cleminson, MBE, and Mrs Cleminson, of Hanley, Stoke.

Dr A. D. Mayer and Miss H. V. M. Rastall

The engagement is amnounced between David, son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Mayer, of 17 Bidborough Ridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Helen, daughter of the Rev T. E. and Mrs Rastall, of Denstone Vicarage, near Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.

Mr R. M. Taylor and Mrs A. L. Davies

The engagement is announced between Robin Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs W. R. Taylor, of Briar Rigg, Keswick, and Ann Lucy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. G. Garnham, of Manchester 14.

whr E. D. Woolf and Miss R. S. Shina
The engagement is announced between Edward David, younger son of Mr and Mrs Horace Woolf, of 6 St John's Wood Park, NW8, and Rita Soraya, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Anwer Shina, of 23 Erfan Street, Teheran, Iran.

10 per cent rise in applications to universities

The commission recommend for oblivion, several Acts of Attainder, which extinguished the civil and political rights of an individual and disinherited his helrs. Some Acts of Attainder also took the form of a declaration of guilt, usually of high treason, in circumstances where the conduct did not fit in with the normal legal definitions of that crime.

An Act of 1777, which, the report explains, became obsolete when the Metropolitan Police force was established, allowed watchmen and night constables to patrol the hamler of Mile-end Old Town "to use their best en-By Our Education Staff Applications for university places were 9.7 per cent up on the previous year by December 15, the formal closing date. The Universities Central Council on Admissions estimates that when all late applications have been received. the number of candidates will be 154,000, compared with 142,000 in

1976.
The council says the largest increases (more than 18 per cent) creases (more than 18 per cent) are for courses in civil and mechanical engineering, agriculture and forestry, business management, accountancy and studies allied to medicine. Subjects whose popularity has fallen include economics. nomics, geography, psychology, sociology, French, history and ph-sics.

The proportion of women candidates is up to 35.4 per cent from 34.5 per cent last year. The proportion of overseas applicants has also risen, from 11 to 12 per cent.

University news

Air Michael Zander has been ap-pointed to a chair of law at the London School of Economics and Reading

Mr P. C. A. Wishart, BMus

(Birm), of King's College London, has been appointed to the chair of music, in succession to Profes-sor R. Woodbam. sor R. Woodbam.
Mr M. A. Proudfoot, MA, MLitt
(Cantab), lecturer in philosophy,
has been appointed Warden of
Whiteknights Hall, in succession
to Mr A. T. W. Liddell.

Exeler The following honorary degrees will be conferred in July: Dilitt: Mr Robert Oxton Bolt, the playwright. LLB: General Sir John Hackey, Prin-chest of King's College London, 1968-

Loughborough Grants: Grants:

225,302 from the URAEA and the Warrel Spring Laboratory Square-lon Warrel Spring Laboratory Square-lon Fraces Series for the A.S. Ward for receased into forced gas generoring of fitter cakes.

223,000 from the British Library to Professor P. Havard-Williams for the appointment of an information officer for library management, for the Science of the Council to Professor G. R. Wray for presents into new textile anialization of garment linking operations respectively.

Ballet resignation

Mr John Hart, the administrator for the Royal Ballet, who returned to the company in 1975 after several years in the United States. has resigned, the Royal Opera House announced yesterday. He wishes to develop his work in America.

Henlow graduation Air Vice-Marshal B. G. T. Stanhridge, Defence Services Secre-tary, Ministry of Defence, was re-viewing officer when 69 officers of 309 Course, Yellow Squadron, graduated from the RAF Officer Cadet Training Unit, Henlow, Bed-footbling waterday.

fordshire, yesterday.

The Sword of Merit was won by Flying Officer Paul Mills, aged 27, of the administrative/secretarial brauch. The Sash of Merit was presented to Pilot Officer Susan Cleminos and 22 of the admin. Cleminson, aged 23, of the admin-istrative/secretarial branch. The British Alteraft Corporation Trophy for the best all-round performance on the course was awarded to Flying Officer William Hardcastle, aged 44, of the admin-istrative/secretarial branch. The professional studies prize was wan by Pllot Officer David Clarke, BA, aged 24, of the general duties/ navigator branch. The oversess

aged 24. Of the general unites, navigator branch. The overshas student's prize was presented to Pilot Officer Al-Yafai of the Sulran of Oman Air Force. Those gaduating were:

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Science report

Whooping cough: Immunization effect

dren with whooping cough to Derbyshire Children's Hospital between 1964 and 1974 has shown tween 1304 and 1574 one shows that immunization gives protection against the disease and reduces the risk of serious complications, according to a report in The

according to a report in The Lancet roday.

There were 188 admissions but only 63 of those children had been immunized, and even after allowance had been made for those who were too young to have been included in a vaccination programme the menoration of intraccinated the proportion of unvaccinated the proportion of unvaccinated children was higher than would have been expected had the vaccine had no effect. Purthermore, no child with serious complications had been immunized (though all were very young) and only six of the 19 who needed admission tor

the vaccine.
The two authors, Dr P. N. Malleson and Dr J. C. Bennett, con-clude that the risk of serious complications from an attack of the disease is higher than any risk from the vaccine, and that "far from the vaccine, and that war from stopping immunization against perfussis [whooping cough] the possibility should seriously be considered of reintroducing immunization at two months of age, as in the United States, or even immediately after

birth ". In testimony to the conflict of opinion within the medical profession on the Issue, the preceding paper in the same issue of The Lancer is a restatement of his con-demnation of the vaccine by Professor Gordon Stewart, of Glasgow University. Vaccination does seem more than two weeks had received to give some protection to children

aged one year or more, he says, but protection by vaccination is at best partial, and only temporary, and is seldom if ever complute enough to protect the group seriously at risk: young in into in crowded households.

The balance of advantage night be accorable if the procedure was without risk, but he estimates that brain damage or mental defect occurs in about one in 20,000 children vaccinated. "This risk far exceeds the present risk of permanent damage from whooping cough", he says, "and an some parts of the country it exceeds the chance of contracting

Church unity **OBITUARY**

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By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

experience a setback next month when the General Synod of the Church of England is expected to

luctant in the past to accept the legitimacy of a Christian ministerial priesthood that has not been episcopally ordained, while the Free Churches are reluctant to agree to any form of reordination as part of a unity plan.

Latest appointments

new director

Newspaper publishers'

The Newspaper Publishers Association has appointed Mr John LePage as director, in succession to Mr John Dixey, who retires. Mr LePage, aged 46, joined the association in 1961 and has been labour secretary since 1975. Mr Adrian Ketterer, aged 38, senior industrial relations adviser, he-

Adrian Ketterer, aged 38, senior industrial relations adviser, becomes labour secretary.

Professor J. E. S. Fawcett, president of the European Commission of Human Rights, has been appointed chairman of the British Institute of Human Rights, in succession to Mr Garrett, who has retired. Mr A. B. McNulty, until recently Secretary of the European Commission of the European Secretary of the European Commission of the European

recently Secretary of the Euro-pean Commission, is to be the

Other appointments include: Professor Sir Frederick Dainton to be president of the Library Association for 1977, the associa-

ion's centenary year.

Mr T. Marjoram to be head of
the Department of Education and
Science's Assessment of Performance Unit, in succession to Mr

B. Kay. Mr D. Vander Wever, vice-chalr-man of Barclays Bank, to be a member of the Royal Commission

on the Distribution of Income and

Wealth, in succession to Mr L. Murphy, whose term of office has

Kingston Poly: Fg Off J. A. Walls (AFO), Carrickvale SMS: P Off M. Wray (NJ, Burnley GS: Leicester Univ.

institute's director.

DR HORACE JOULES

Dr Horace Joules, MD. FRCP, who died on January 25 at the age of 74, was one of the stormy petrels of the early days of the National Health Service. An enthusiast for whole-time service in it, he never pulled his punches and he showed scant mercy for any critics of the service. His pen and his voice, both of which he could use with facility and an abrasiveness which all too often did him and his cause a disservice, were well to the fore threat the service was aunointed about the fore threat threat the service was aunointed about the fore threat th Progress towards uniting the Church of England and the Eng-lish Free Churches is likely to Church of England is expected to make only a besitung reply to the latest set of proposals.

The synod will have before it reports on negotiations with the Churches' Unity Commission, whose "ten propositions" have been sent out to all the main denominations for their acceptance and comments. his cause a disservice, were well to the fore throughout the first two decades of the National Health Service.

Any other cause that he considered worthy of his support, such as the banning of smoking, received the same enthusiastic and dogmatic support.

denominations for their acceptance and comments.

On behalf of the synod the church's negotiators have been seeking clarification of the meaning of some of the propositions. The Churches' Unity Commission's latest reply, made early this month, has opened up important issues which will need to be discussed further, the synod will be told. At this stage, therefore, the synod is not being recommended to agree to proposition six, which concerns ministry and episcopacy. Instead the synod will be asked to make a general statement that "the ten propositions provide an acceptable basis for continued consultation with the other churches which are our partners in the commission". His claim to recognition, however, is his long period of service at the Central Middlesex service at the Central Middlesex Hispital, in north-west London. Originally the Willesden Workhouse Infirmary, it was upgraded by the Middlesex County Council after the Local Government Act of 1929. Joules joined the staff as senior physician in 1935, and it is largely due to his devoted service that the historian of the hospital could justifiably describe it in 1963 as "one of the best known hospitals in the country", playing an important role in both undergraduate and possessing among its many departments one of the best known gastro-enterological the commission.".

In church unity circles the vagueness of that recommendation is taken as an indication of lukewarmness within the Church of England. If it is defeated in the county of the county synod next mouth, there is little doubt that the present work of the Churches' Unity Commission will be brought to a standstill, unless the Free Churches decide to go ahead alone.

best known gastro-enterological departments and occupational Health units in Britain.

Horace Joules was born on March 21, 1902. He was a one of whom died, and student at University College, daughter.

less the Free Churches decide to go ahead alone.

Even if it is carried the synod will then be asked to refer an identical motion for debate in all the 43 diocesan synods. Their replies would be collected by March, 1978, and until the result of this "poll" of the dioceses is known the fate of the "ten propositions" initiative will remain in doubt.

The issue of episcopacy, of accepting a threefold ministry of bishops, priests, and deacons as the basic design of the church's hierarchy, was historically a decisive factor in the splitting off from the Church of England of the Nonconformist tradition. The Church of England has proved reluctant in the past to accept the R.K.A. writes: The death of George Hugh Kenyon, FSA, on January 16 will be grievous news to his friends in the Kirdford area

Hugh Kenyon, who was born in Hampstead in 1899, came to Kirdford in 1928. He joined four other men who had started growing apples near by, to form Kirdford Growers and took a leading men who had started growing apples near by, to form Kirdford Growers and took a leading part in the development of this, the first apple cooperative in the country. In the days of depression, around 1930, it took courage and foreight to buy a seven arresiste for course and a seven acre site for stores and packhoose for young farms. but it has proved a sound foundation which is evidenced

Sussex, not only dealt comprehensively with the techniques Wars for making glass from the Desprehence to the seventeenth 1944.

centuries and with the of the glasshouses themse
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controlled the glass indi which he was describing. authoritative book will re for many years a source for the social and econ history of glass-making in land and is a major cont tion to local history to industrial archee to industrial archeer generally. At various time wrote articles of local torical interest, many of y appeared in the Si Archaeological Collections, he published a short histo Kirdford Parish in 1971. He served on the council for 30 years. I chairman for 12 of them was involved in various p activities until well over

His interest in glass and area in which he lived for long, came together whe provided a lancer window Kirdford and Wisbon Green churches, each g with local glass. He was commissioned i Royal Artillery in both V Wars and was Mention

SISTER DOROTHY RAPHAEL

The Bishop of Stepney writes: schools. They expanded Dorothy Maud, daughter of small mission hospital a former Bishop of Kensington, built the first swimming was a legendary figure in the

Wantage. there and—late She was the pioneer of a and Salisbury. uniquely successful missionary

When I knew her she was tifying power of God's already certain that she must Spirit I have no doubt test her vocation to the religious life: but she was at the height of her powers. No
one, in the Johannesburg of of Soweto today, bearm
those days—black or white—
could resist the compelling reconciliation and justice.
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ideals it stood for—and, th for God. And this love drew for today. to her a band of outstanding women missionaries who were inspired by her to dedicate their lives to reconciliation between black and white and building-up of church in its witness against the oppressive force of racism. Father Raymond Raynes C.R. compared to self-giving (my predecessor in Sophia-town) she built three churches,

seven schools and three nursery

MR T. K. PENNIMAN

T. M. Higham writes: In his book A hundred years of anthropology, Penniman wrote of Charles Darwin that "he was no specialist, but like the farmer interested in everything and ready to turn his band on mind to anything " hand or mind to anything". Much the same was true of King's Head at Llanger Kennerh himself: he had been brought up in the country: he sones of Phil and Billy Te had learned to plough oxen when he was 16, and in his forties learned to spin and also to weave by hand as well also to weave by nand as weu as with a watermill. His know-ledge and love of the country and the land informed his professional work which in turn enriched and inspired his love

and enjoyment of them.
No obituary of him is complete without a reference to his which for the next 32 years he

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25 years ago From the Times of Monday, Jan 28, 1952

Restoring steel to private ownership with public control will be an exceptionally delicate opera-tion. The Government have elec-toral support for the transfer and can complain legitimately that their predecessors did not have the support of a majority in the

back again as one govern succeeds another. Nationalli itself was drawn out of an pigeon-hole at the end of the for the Labour programme out any reassessment of the out any reassessment of the industry's real difficulties needs after the war. The servative Government must heware that they too do not m draw an old remedy from a

he was appointed physician Selly Oak Hospital, Birmi ham, in 1929. It was from Selly Oak P pital that he was appoin Senior Physician to the Cen Middlesex Hospital in 1935, the next 30 years, during m of which he was also med director, he played a lead part, many would say the k ing part, in transforming, modernizing the hospital, br ing it to the high level it i occupies in the medical h archy, not only as what historian has described as outstanding hospital of the fare state", but also as on the leading clinical centre the United Kingdom.

A sound clinician as wel an efficient administrator, always placed the welfare patients and staff high in list of priorities and the chi staff could always rely on getting his priorities right, f the point of view of ensu that the patients received best possible treatment.

He married, in 1930, 1 Sparrow. They had three:

MR G. H. KENYON

of West Sussex, where for 50 years he lived and worked and was a much respected figure in the community.

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He was deeply interested in the glass industry and his book rublished in 1967 entitled The Glass Industry of

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uniquely successful missionary venture there, prophetically named Ekutuleni or "House of personality, a person totally handed over to the control of God's -

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Others can speak of Dorothy Raphael as a Religious, an educator, a sidid administrator, a sp second to none. But let he the final word—in a letter : from Sophiatown and more have I known th one's activity was as no prayer—that a life of g is all—that I can set Our free to convert and rede

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Although in old age become increasingly deaf, was also somewhat infin the result of an accident ing up a steady correspond with many friends, old

private to public ownership

Steel ownership

the support of a majority in the country when they put nationalization into effect in the last Parliament. No one can view with equanimity however the prospect of a major industry passing from

pigeon-hole. In some ways record of the steel industry been exemplary since the war the rise in ourout and effic the rise in our nit and with has shown up bravely agains sorry tale of cost. Yet the cuities now show that org-tion and policy have not been out flaw.

The Prince of Wales, who graduated from the RAF College, Cranwell, in 1971, is to have a week's "refresher" flying training to solo standard of Carantal ing to solo standard at Cranwell from February 7 to 11.

Luncheons

Dinners

Prime Minister

Anglo-Swiss Society

Relitish Council
Sir John Llewellyn, Director
General of the British Council,
and Lady Llewellyn were hosts at
a luncheon held yesterday at 10
Spring Gardens in honour of M
Ahmed AI Ghazali, Minister of
Education, Oman. The Ambassador

yesterday in honour of Mr Walter F. Mondale, Vice-President of the United States. The other guests were:

Lord Sandford, who was accom-

panied by Lady Sandford, presided at a dinner held by the Anglo-Swiss Society at the Dorchester hotel last night. The Bishop of Fulham and Gibraltan

was the guest speaker, and the

Swiss Ambassador and Mme Thal-

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, with the Sheriffs and Mrs A. C. Cole, were present at

mann were also present.

Pattenmakers' Company

Prince's 'refresher'

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*Moby Dick' first edition makes £30,813

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
A first edition of Mobu Dick, under its original title The Whale, became the most expensive work of fiction ever sold at auction when it made \$53,000

March 4, 1925, and comprises eight closely handwritten quarto pages addressed to William Smith: Hemingway describes playing tennis in Paris with Exra Whale, became the most expensive work of fiction ever sold and others and watching bits first bullfight.

Other prices included the 1771 Sale Room Cerrespondent

A first edition of Mobu Dick, under its original title The Whale, became the most expensive work of fiction ever sold ar auction when it made \$53,000 (estimate \$525,000 to \$30,000). [13,953] to the prices included the 1771 large-folio edition of Caresby's (£30,813, at Sotheby Parke Bernet Neural History of Carolina, in New York on Wednesday. Herman Melville's famous novel is accounted one of the most sold is accounted one of the most continued the sold is accounted to the manufactured the sold in the sold is accounted to the sold in the so

early editions are always costly. This was a particularly fascinating presentation copy of the first three-volume edition published in 1851. It is inscribed. "Henry Hubbard, from his old shipmate and watchmate on board the good ship Achushnet (alas, wrecked at last on the Nor West). Herman Melville. March 23 1853. Pittsfield ".

The old shipmate was clearly the transport was clearly the control of the able to recognize where Melville was writing from personal experi-ence. In volume three, where the Megro. Pip, leaps overboard, he has added a marginal note: "Pip - Backus his real name. I was in the boat at the time be made the leap overboard. Stubbs. = I. Hall real name". The book came

for sale from the estate of Henry Hubbard Middlecoff, and was bought by an American dealer. The sale also included a top The sale also included a top price for a Hemingway letter at \$4,600 (estimate \$1,500 to \$2,500), £2.674. The letter is dated

screens of screenpring, "Immination and the Eye" at £60, Roland Piche's bright abstract "Yellow and red space frame " at £20 and even a small Hockney, "The Haunted Castle", at £170. The top price in the sale was £950 (estimate £700 to £900) for Jasper Johns's "Figure 2", a 1969 lithograph. The sale totalled £15,057, with 12 per cent unsold. At Sorheby's Belgravia a sale of silver and objects of virtu made £46,773, with 3 per cent unsold. A Robert Heunell tea and coffee service of 1852-53, weighing 4410z, made £5,500 (estimate £5,000 to £5,000) to Koopman. A woman in flowing robes supposting a five-light

high estimate, with 22 lots out of 500 unsold.

At Sotheby's in London yester-

day a sale designed for the small collector attracted many buyers. They were rewarded with a num-

ber of fine graphics, often well below trade price; two plates from Eduardo Paolozzi's 1967 series of screenprints, "Illumina-tion and the Eye" at £60, Roland Piche's bright abstract "Yellow mate £500 to £600), to Jack Dono-van. Mrs Hillier bought a china-

box made from a complete tortoise shell with silver-glit mounts went to Waliraf at £2,500 (estimate £2,000). A sale of dolls and toys at Christie's, South Kensington, made £17,916 with 2 per cent unsold.

robes supposting a five-light

Weiner, presided, assisted by the Upper Warden, Mr W. H. Salomon (who proposed the civic toast), the Renter Warden, Mr R. Gowan Beloe, and their ladies. The toast of the guests was proposed by Mr G. E. McWatters, and a reply was made by Mr John Guest. East European Trade Council

East Buropean Trade Council
Lord Kearton, Chairman of the
East European Trade Council, presided at a dinner given by the
council at the Howard Hotel yesterday in honour of Mr C.
Stanciu, Deputy Minister for
Poreign Trade and International
Economic Cooperation, Romania,
to mark the fourth meeting of
the Anglo-Romanian Joint Commission. The Romanian Ambassador, Mr J. R. Steele, Deputy Secretary, Department of Trade, and
leading British industrialists, were
among those present. of Oman was among the guests. Dinlomatic and Commonwealth Mriters Association of Britain
Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of
State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was guest of
homour at a luncheon held at the Wakdorf Hotel yesterday by the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association of Britain. Mr Vincent Ryder, president of the association, was in the chair. among those present, The Prime Minister was host at a dinner at 10 Downing Street

National Association for Preedom An inaugural International Free-An inaugural International Freedom dinner was held last night at Grosvenor House, Mayfair. Mr Denis and Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP, were guests of honour. Representatives from America, Austria, Belgium, France, Norway, Russia, Switzerland, West Germany and the captive nations were present, including M Vladimir Bukovsky and M Bukovskaya and Mr Trygve de Lange, who started the resistance in Norway against the Nazis in World War II. Four hundred and fifty subscribing guests and fifty subscribing guests attended. Speakers included Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP, Mr Norris McWhitter, M Bukovsky, Professor Max Beloff and Dr Rhodes Boyson, MP. Viscount De L'Isle, VC Chairman of The National Association for Preedom,

Service dinner National Defence College

presided.

The Commandant, Rear-Admiral D. A. Loram, and officers of the National Defence College held a dinner in the officers' mess. Latimer, last night. Captain G. D. Trist presided and among those hars A. C. Cole, were present at the annual livery dinner of the Pattenmakers' Company held at the Mansion House last night.

The Master, Mr D. P. C. The Master, J. Nolan.

Football trophy

Princess Anne will present the trophy at the Football League Cup Final at Wembley on Saturday, March 12, it was announced yes-

century Swiss walnut draw-leaf table made £4.800 (estimate £800 to £1.200). Christie's sale of Russion icons made £53,262, with 15 per cent unsold. At Sotheby Mak yan Waay in Amsterdam on Wed-nesday a two-session sale of paint-ires of the nineteenth and twen-tieth centuries in de 168,680, with 23 per cent unsold.

A French late-nineteenth-century

composition-headed clown-magician automaton made £1,200 (esti-

headed doll dating from about 1850 and probably from Berlin at £1.100 (estimate £500 to £700).

Christie's sale of pewter and nak furniture made £56,752, with

2 per cent unsold: a seventeenth

Award for sport photographer Mr Chris Smith, who recently joined The Sunday Times from The Observer, has been named Britain's Sports Photographer of the Year in a competition organized by the Sports Council and the Royal Photographic Society. Mr Smith, who has been a photographer for more than twenty

years, has won many awards, including the British News Picture of the Year and the British Press Photographer of the Year. Today's engagements Exhibition : Silver jubilee sou-venirs, Design Centre, Haymar-ket, 9.30-5.30.

Exhibition: Reproductions of Japanese prints, 1700-1900, Arts Council Shop, 28 Sackville Street, 10-6.

Lunchtime Music: Simon Fischer, riolin, and Margaret Stachlewicz, piano, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, John Carpen-ter Street, Victoria Embank-ment, 1.10.

Lunchtime Talk: Commemoration of King Charles by Dr L. Cowie, Christian Study Centre, St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap, 1.10. Let's celebrate—the events of the Christian year celebrated in dance, drama and pnerry. St James's Church, Piccadilly, 6.30.

Pompeii exhibition 🕠 The Carthusian Trust lovices limited number of Old Carthusians minion number of Old Carinisians, their wives and friends, to a private view of the Pompeil Exhibition on Friday, March 11, followed by a buffet supper at Brooks's Club.

Applications, with remittances for £10 per ticket, should be sent to The Recorder, Charter House, Codalming, and will be accepted strictly in order of receipt.

£1.5m for Irish estate

Carton House, the former country seat of the Dukes of Leinster, at Maynooth, co Kildare, has been

sold for £1.5m to a syndicate of lrish businessmen.

(p 234).

By Our Medical Correspondent, Source: The Lancet, January 29

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THETIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**

Lager brews and problems, page 23

Tate & Lyle

pricing report

We totally reject the

Times and in the meanwhile emphasize that we acted with

every propriety in all the trans-

actions covered by the Comp-troller's report."
The report in The Times:

which summarized the main

findings of the report on the

pricing and supply of sugar in 1975, did not intend to suggest that the company had been keeping two sets of books. The report by Sir Douglas Henley.

the Auditor General, included

two paragraphs, which were referred to in the original

several changes of principle but, the only point of principle which caused him concern was the theoretical basis of one of the

article.

reaction on

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ugh the Bank i was once again signalough its discount market moderate drop in its m lending rate today, ry's yield on three Freasury bills indicated R could technically be a further threequarters at to 121 per cent. would be the second

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money and replenish the depleted reserves and, second, to prevent any need for a fresh

count has to some extent been removed, however, by the heavy inflow of overseas funds into the country during recent weeks. This includes a sub-stantial quantity that is believed to have found its way into the Government's record £1,250m long-dated "tap" stock, Treasury 132 per cent 1993, offered for sale last week and declared exhausted soon after the opening of business yesterday morn-

After the longer-term Eurodollar funding announced on Monday, moreover, the Government will now almost certainly be keen to see the inward flow of "hot money" heavily re-duced. 'Given, though, that it appears unwilling, largely for export considerations, to see this money deterred by allowing the value of sterling to appreciate on the foregonexchanges, its other major weapon is to allow interest rates, which remain exception-ally high by international stan-

in confirms oil output slump

the Organization of Petroleum

Exporting Countries (Opec) introduced a 10 per cent rise in

oil prices from January 1 in

competition with 5 per cent rises by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

daily average production fell to 6.629 million barrels a day in

December compared with 6.676

million in the previous month, when stockpiling ahead of the

Opec price rise was at its height. Exports in December averaged 5.993 million barrels a day,

down from 6.172 million in

of its new customers who were due to begin taking 1.2 million

barrels of oil a day from Janu-

ary, that they face blacklisting if they do not live up to their

From Charles Hargrove

French trade figures for December, published last night

confirm the encouraging trend already emphasized by the price index. The deficit, which had amounted to 3,800m francs (about £447m) in October and

4,700m francs in November, was reduced by two-thirds in December, to 1,323m francs.

The total deficit for 1976

amounts to 20,452m francs. Imports fell by 8 per cent from

28,300m francs in November to

while exports rose by nearly 1

per cent in the same month, to 24,710m francs, after correc-

M André Rossi, Minister for Overseas Trade, described the

December figures as encouraging, and indicative of a reversal of economic trends.

The improvement arose from

The improvement arose from several factors. The effects of the drought had died down; imports of agricultural products had diminished while exports had increased; energy imports which had been very large since August owing to the drought and the rebuilding of stocks, fell by 1,000m francs between November and December, in spite of precautionary purcha-

spite of precautionary purcha-ses against the increase in oil

But in spite of these im-

Rossi stressed.

4p to 186p 4p to 32p 16p to 498p

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as a whole, at least provements, 1976 was the worst year since the Second World the fifth survey of its

tions for seasonal variations.

26.033m francs in December.

Paris, Jan 27

Iran has already warned 25

November.

According to NIOC, Iran's

tried to keep interest rates up issues of Government stock. And it has been demand for this stock at what have been considered artificially high yield levels, together with the season-ally heavy demand for funds to meet tax payments, that has put tremendous pressure on

the monetary system. Yesterday's Bank of England ssistance to the discount market, for instance, was again a record and believed to have been in the region of £1,000m.

The release of a further 1 per cent of Special Deposits will return about £365m to the banks and will state the banks and will take the pressure off their reserve asset ratios. These have almost cer-

rainly been down to close to

their statutory minimums of 12) per cent. The release of the additional 1 per cent of special deposits follows the repayment of 2 per cent of special deposits 10 days ago. But the latest release is only intended to provide temporary help over a difficult period and will be recalled on March 10.

It remains to be seen, more over, whether the Bank will also wish to call in additional Special Deposits once the

duced their liftings by about 600,000 barrels a day in expecta-

tion of cheaper oil from Saudi

Arabia or the United Arab Emirates. Most of these com-panies are thought to be

apanese or independent oil

So far statements from NIOC about falling production have

made no reference to the con-

sortium of western oil com-panies, led by British Petro-leum, which has contracted to buy the bulk of Iran's output.

It is thought that the contract

allows considerable flexibility,

but with demand for Iranian oil

don say that members of the

which had cost the country

some 4.500m francs, and the

depreciation of the franc, which added some 6.000m

francs to the trade deficit for

Publication of the trade fig-

ures and of the December price

index increase of 0.3 per cent

-the lowest for four years-have strengthened the franc on

the exchanges in relation to both the dollar and the Deutsche mark. The former was quoted at 4.9650 francs

against 4.9750 francs yesterday, and the latter at 2.05 francs as

against 2.07 francs on Wednes-

Party newspaper, which does not go in for opinion polls, pub-

cent consider they live in The poll was carried out

among workers and employees

between January 4 and 11.
Fifty-three per cent do not
agree that everyone should
tighten their belts in time of

crisis; and 92 per cent consider that "the more privileged

The Times index: 164.57 + 3.79

The FT index: 390.7+9.1

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amounted to 52.000m

traders.

France reduces trade

deficit by two-thirds

signs that interest rates should continue to fall brought a strong advance for both equities and longer dated gilts on the London stock market yester-

For gilts the spur was the early exhaustion of the £1,250m long "rap" and the Bank of England's decision to release another one per cent of special deposits. By the close most long dates were between three quarters and a full point better with the "tap" itself up seven-eighths to 597. But "shorts", after a bright start ran into selling brought about by the right money conditions and by the close were all-square

or just one-sixteenth ahead. Equities were given an initial boost by Mr Jim Slater's bullish predictions and, in the wake of the gilt market, managed to hold on to the best part of their gains. The FT Index, 10.7 up at 2 pm, closed at 390.7, a

net gain of 9.1.
Although many gains were exaggerated by shortages of stock, dealers were pleased with the volume of business. Even the most pessimistic are coming round to the view that there is now a "bull" market.

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SE ready to ease rules to permit TV advertising

Some relaxation of Stock Exchange rules on advertising by its own members is likely soon. A draft new rule and advertising code of conduct has been approved in principle by the SE Council.

The proposals permit television and radio advertising so low, industry sources in Lonand allow members to contact non-clients, but not to make specific investment recommenconsortium are expecting direct dations.

pressure from the Iranian Discussions with the Office of Government to step up liftings. Fair Trading on the new rules will be taking place shortly. After the collapse of several general efforts to tighten up

surveillance procedures, the Stock Exchange is today circulating member firms with a discussion paper on the minimum liquidity margins member firms should be required to maintain. Essentially the aim of the exercise is to provide the coun-

imports of raw materials and cil with an early warning energy, which, for the whole system of when members are system of when members are running into difficulties, which in the past has usually arisen from overtrading. Broadly speaking, the pro-

posals under discussion centre on ways of clamping down on what may count as approved assets, which will mean a change in the methods by which liquidity margins are set.

Among the other proposals are suggestions that the minimum margin should be based on different criteria altogether, such as staffing levels or revenue.

NEB takes share in underwater technology By Peter Hill

The National Enterprise Board has paid £50,000 to enter the developing world market for underwater technology. For the first time the much criticized NEB has joined a private sector company to invest jointly

in a third party venture. Following an approach from the privately controlled Peck-ston Group of Middlesbrough, the NEB and Peckston have each prid £50,000 which give each of them about 45 per cent of the equity in the small Barrow-in-Furness company of Sub Sea Surveys.

The enlarged company will acquire and operate a remote controlled unmanned under-water craft—Consub 2—which has been developed by the British Aircraft Corporation at

Last night Mr Nigel Moir. chairman of the Peckston Group, said that his company had approached the NEB be-cause of its confidence in the future potential of the Barrow company.

'We also wanted a relatively disinterested partner yet one with substantial muscle. At prosent the company operates a general purpose craft, but over the next 10 years we can see very significant growth in the development of specialized vessels and equipment for the inspection of underwater oil pipe-lines and offshore structures.

"The acquisition will provide the United Kingdom with a cap-ability for the development of technology associated both with oil and explorations for minerals

on the seabed", he said.

The Sub Sea Surveys submersible is claimed to be technically and operationally the most advanced vessel of its type com-mercially available.

SSS has contracts with conpanies in the United States, Holland, Norway and the United Kingdom, and its managing director is Mr Roger Chapman. Mr Moir and Mr G. J. Connolly, the NEB's northern region director, are to join the

Mr Callaghan set to keep the peace on the worker director issue

Industrial Editor

Mr Callaghan is determined partisan strategy for reforming manufacturing industry should not be disrupted by any vigorous exchanges between management and trade unions over the issue of worker repre-

That was the message emerg-ng yesterday from Whiteball ing yesterday from Whitehall ahead of next week's National Economic Development Council when the Prime Minister will act as chairman to review the progress of industrial strategy in the wake of assurances to the International Monetary Fund that management and unions are behind the Government in achieving effective industrial

development.
A group of leading figures involved in the whole strategy exercise are to dine with Mr Healey, the Chancellor and other ministers on the eve of Wednesday's council meeting. All working party heads for the sector-by-sector strategy teams are to go to the National Economic Development Office to meet Sir Ronald McIntosh, the direc-

tor general, early next week. The Government should get a better idea of whether post-Bullock Committee feelings will spill over into the strategy work and affect employers' enthu-Wednesday's council meeting

will receive a number of papers. One, prepared by Mr Alan Lord, second permanent secretary to the Treasury, will pull together the results of 36 reports prepared for the council by the 40 sector working parties, with specific Government responses to the ideas and suggestions for action. The Government will also set

out its views and two papers are to be submitted by the Neddy director general, giving his office's assessment of the priorities in the various individual action programmes. A paper has been submitted by the Confederation of British Industry on the strategy exer-cise, and two separate docu-

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Mr Alan Lord: Treasury man handling 36 reports for NEDC meeting

ments have come in from the

The mass of material is the outcome of about 12 weeks of working party reports raising shares of home and ex-

For its part, the Neddy office

involving big public and private sector enterprises in nursing

Report on state worker directors, page 22

Tate & Lyle yesterday putout the following statement: "An article on the Government's handling of the sugar's shortage in 1975 making serious criticisms of Tate & Lyle appeared in The Times newspaper in London today. It followed publication of a report followed publication of a report. from the Comptroller and Audi-tor General on the arrange-ments for the supply of case ments for the supp... sugar in 1975. "The Comptroller's report is, at our first reading, not critical of any of the dealings. We are. company's dealings. We are now studying it in more details fairly reported or interpreted: by this morning's story in The Times. We totally reject the various allegations made in The

National Consumer Council and Sir Charles Villiers, chairman of British Steel.

ing new insights into manufac-turing problems, nearly all the set out the objectives, as seen by management and unions, for The paragraphs state: In February 1975, Tate & Lyle Limited informed the Price Commission that a reexamination of the methods used to assess certain refrospective costs included in their earlier submissions had shown duplicate provision for recovery of E4m, and that their permitted prices had been overstated by £32 a ton. They proposed to put the matter right by abating the recovery period of a group of retrespective cost items. In November 1975 the Ministry's accountant reported that he was satisfied with the end result of the calculations, the stated that there had been several changes of principle butport markets in the next three to five years.

One central point that seems to have emerged is the potential of the European marketplace and the daunting difficulties of competing for European trade.

seems to want some form of direct financial help or risksharing to help industry mount a marketing drive. They also feel finance for exports might be a subject for a fresh re-Another priority is seen as

suppliers along with reforms of standards and specifications.

J C Bamford spells out 'obvious sense' of link-up with Poclain group

the Staffordshire based con-struction machinery manufacstockbrokers and as part of its turers, yesterday confirmed that it had been in talks with Poclain, the financially-troubled French excavator company, and the French Ministry of Indus-try, on the acquisition of a substantial stake in the French company.

Mr Anthony Bamford, chairman and managing director of JCB, said there was obvious sense in a link between his company and Poclain. Both were substantial European organizarions; each a leader in its own field—JCB in excavator loaders and Poclain in crawler

excavators. Commenting on last Tues-day's aunouncement that a declaration of intent had been signed by the American J. I. Case Company for the purchase of 40 per cent of Poclain's share capital, he said: "The fact of the matter is that only a letter of intent subject to French Government approval has been signed, and we are still having discussions with the

C. Bamford Excavators, French Ministry of Industry, direction and would keep before a firm proposal emerges but, clearly, strong possibilities must exist that an association could be highly beneficial to

both companies."

JCB would like to see a strong European manufacturer emerging in the European home market. "This is the only market. "This is the only alternative to American domination of European manufacturing in our industry and it is one of the main reasons behind JCB's interest in Poclain", he Mr I. C. Bamford, founder of the British company and now

living in retirement in Switzer-land, is well-known for his strong pro-European views and is advising on the negotiations.

He said from his home in

Montreux: "My view is that

Europe needs to maintain, and indeed accelerate, its growth in construction equipment manufacturing. A financial and management link between

which we meet again this week. Poclain wholly owned within We have a lot of work to do the EEC." This would be a very substan-

is interested in establishing an

Anglo-French consortium, and being advised at this stage by Banque Rothschild in Paris. JCB is the leading Britishowned manufacturer of construction equipment, exporting more than 60 per cent of its output. France is one of its biggest export markets. It is the market leader in excavator loaders outside the United States and has product market leadership in 52 countries.

JCB. a private company, does ot disclose profit figures. In 1976 its turnover was £65m against £42m in 1975.

Poclain's agreement in prin-ciple with Case would cost the United States company 325m francs (nearly £39m) for its 40 per cent stake, but it is subject to approval by the French and United States authorities. JCB and Poclain would be a the boards of both group very significant step in this by Poclain shareholders. the boards of both groups and

calculations concerning raw sugar-costs, where some transactions could not be readily identified with actual events. He excepted that there was no alternative to the method adopted, which did not affect the retrospective costs along. but said that it gave rise to a cer-tain unease.

Following an investigation in January 1974 independent accoun-tants had commented that the refiners did not keep their bunks in a manner which enabled parti-cular terminal market transactions. to be associated with particular physical transactions. In tiew of the scale and complexity of the transactions, and the continued transactions, and the continued difficulty in associating some transactions with actual events, I asked the ministry whether they were satisfied that they had allocated adequate audit resources to the examination of the price equalization scheme and guarantee arrangements, commensurate with the work involved. The ministry stated that they were so satisfied and pointed to the further safeguards that all payments were on a provisional basis, subject to later audit, and that some payments had been withheld pending completion of audit."

IMF leader seeing Mr Healev next week

Dr Johannes Witteveen, managing director of the Inter-national Monetary Fund, is ex-pected to meet Mr Healey for talks in London next week.

The IMF chief will be attending the Overseas Bankers' Club

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State aid for ferrous lishes one this morning show-ing that 57 per cent of French-men consider they have the foundries tops £31m necessary minimum to house, feed, clothe and entertain themselves, or look after their health, or provide a good education to their children. Thirty-nine per foundries and almost 300 pro-

By Edward Townsend

the Department of Industry's successful aid scheme for the ferrous foundry industry. According to today's issue of Trade and Industry magazine,

ferrous foundries have come Ir is estimated that cape forward with projects. Assisting the 122 iron foundries being assisted should rise by 23 per and in the 35 steel foundries. about half of the country's ment. ment of £142.5m.
The amount of money avail-

able for the aid scheme was recently increased to £40m following the announcement from Mr Healey that more finance would be made available for industry schemes. Trade and Industry says that

a last minute rush before the foundry scheme's closing date

Government assistance totalling £31.1m has now been provided for 173 projects under the Denartment of Industry's that will lead to increased capacity in sectors where short ages have been acute, to much better quality castings, and to an improved working environment which will help recruit

> cent and in the 35 steel found-ries by 17 per cent. Almost 40 per cent of the projects now approved are due to be com-pleted by the end of this year and about half by the end of

The magazine says the smallest and largest foundries being helped employ nine and 4,200 people respectively. The smallest amount of assistance granted is £6,775 for a £27,000 of December 31, last year, granted is £6,775 for a £27,000 resulted in nearly 500 applications from the industry's 825 for a project costing £7m.

Bank charges at Williams & Glvn's

It stood out against the re-imposition of charges by the rest of the clearing banks in the middle of last year. The bank is now to reimpose charges on current accounts

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The Proprietors of Hay's Wharf, Limited

The 69th Annual General Meeting was held in London on 27th January, 1977, Sir David H. Burnett, Bt., M.B.E., T.D., the Chairman, presiding. The Report and Accounts were adopted and the Dividend was approved.

The following are extracts from the Chairman's Statement and the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September 1976.

Summary of Results

Trading profit before tax amounted to £2,031,000 after a half year figure of £603,000. The recession experienced in the first half of the year gave way to improved conditions, particularly in the last quarter.

With the exception of the frozen food operations, the year's profits were in aggregate higher than in 1975. This improvement has, in several important activities extended into the current year, but the profits for 1977 will depend on the extent to which the problems of the frozen food operations can be resolved.

To improve liquidity £775,000 was realised by the sale of low-yielding assets and further sales have been negotiated to raise £2,375,000 in the current year.

A revaluation of developed properties held for investment (last valued in 1973) revealed a fall in value of £8 million which has been charged direct to reserves.

A final dividend of 3.137p per share, with the interim of 1.293p already paid, makes 4.430p per share for the year—the same as last year.

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Copies of the full Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary of The Proprietors of Hay's Wharf, Limited, St. Olef House, London Bridge, London SE1 2PJ,

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Gold closed unchanged at \$132.375 an ounce. SDR-\$ was 1.15215 on Thursday, while SDR-£ was 0.670673. Commodities: Reuter's index was

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1.74 10.15 6.53 8.45 4.11 69.50 7.95 1530.00 495.00 4.30 9.10 55.50 2.04 113.50 7.27 ICI plans £25m expansion of **PVC** production ICI yesterday announced a 575m investment programme to

expand its production of PVC. The money will be used for new plant at ICI's existing Hillhouse works near Blackpool Lancashire. The new plant, due to come on stream in 1979, will produce paste polymers for use in the fast-growing floor and wall-covering markets.
ICI, Britain's biggest PVC producer, says the new plant will add a further 55,000 tonnes a year to its capacity for PVC, bringing it to around 350,000 Williams & Glyn's Bank,

when the minimum balance falls below £50, with effect from

which with the Co-operative Bank now provides the only free clearing bank service to customers who keep their accounts in credit, is to reimpose charges from the middle of the year.

tonnes a year. Total British capacity for PVC is put at around 520,000 tonnes a year. next June.

ier pages Government White Paper appointments 29, 30 23 Bank Base Rates Table lents vacant Editor Company Meeting Reports: 24, 25 24, 25 24, 25 26 Barclay's Bank International 21 Dews Marley eports

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The Proprietors of Hay's Wharf

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Price Commission sees inflation at peak of 19 per cent in late spring

Price rises are increasing and the rate will probably peak in late spring at an annual rate of 19 per cent according to the Price Commission's latest quarterly report.

Yesterday, Sir Arthur Cock-field, the Commission's chairman, said: "We must live through a hard winter on prices but if we hold fast we will come our into a period in which inflation will come down

Sir Arthur said that during the period dealt with in the report, September to November 1976, price rises as notified to the Commission by category I companies were running at a rate of about £1,000m a month. During the quarter the com-mission's own index of price inflation was running at 5.4 per cent. While some of this was

attributable to oil price rises

the underlying six-month trend showed inflation running at about 19 per cent per annum. In its previous report the commission had said that the 13 per cent rate of inflation prevailing in 1976 was "thoroughly unsatisfactory". Sir Arthur said yesterday that the present rate of 15 per cent shows no signs of improving " and the indications available for

December and January revealed

no easement in the position.

Business appointments

Mr R. H. Foster has been made chairman of F. H. Lloyd Holdings in succession to Mr D. L. Carrier. Mr A. A. Gray who has refired as chairman and chief executive of The Wellcome Foundation, has been succeeded by Mr A. J. Shepperd, deputy chairman. Mr T. B. C. Bell is to become a director of Broken Hill Proprietary.

prietary.
Mr F. G. Flood, chief executive

of BPB Industries, has, in addition, been made deputy chairman.

Mr E. P. Chappell is now deputy chairman of the London board of the Bank of New Zealand, following the retirement of Mr A. R. Frethey, Sir Arthur Norman, chairman of Dr L. Pue becomes a

Frethey, Sir Arthur Norman, chairman of De La Rue, becomes a director of the London board.

Mr Ian Bickey, regional director, Scotland and the north of England, has joined the board of Lloyds & Scottish Finance.

Mr Digby Collins has become chairman and Dr John Watson, managing director, of Duniop International Projects.

Mr Ian MacArthur has been

Mr Ian MacArthur has been

Mr Colin Slater has become a

September 28 1975 as follows:

made a director of the British Textile Confederation from March

Successor to chairman at

F H Lloyd Holdings

There were contradictory influences affecting the rate of inflation, Sir Arthur said. The decline in the value of sterling was "inevitable retribution" the late spring, and "unless there were unforeseen developments" the turnround should and 1975. Although the rate had improved recently the depreciation of the currency since Sep-tember had not yet been fully reflected in retail prices.

The full effect will have worked through the system by early summer, Sir Arthur said, provided there was no further deterioration in the exchange

Last summer's relaxation of the price code was difficult to assess in terms of its effect on inflation, Sir Arthur said. However, "in theory" there should be many more price increases to come but by early summer "we should have seen the end" end ".

On the positive side the present pay policy had not been fully reflected in price rise notifications received by the Commission. Reduced pay settlements will be reflected in a lowered rate of increase in labour costs.

Similarly the present tight financial and monetary controls make it more difficult for companies to pass on price rises to the public, thus reducing the rate of price inflation.

Mr A. J. Shepperd (left),

director of NTN Bearings-GKN.

Mr D. B. Clark has been made chairman, Mr K. W. Heatherley managing director and Mr D. Oldershaw a director of LPC Protective Clothing. Mr J. A. Hadley becomes managing director of Lunt Brothers and Mr B. A. Foster and Mr R. White join the board of LPC Developments. Mr G. J. T. Richards becomes chief executive and Mr B. H. Nicholls financial director of LPC Homecentres divisional board.

As a result of these under-

By Our Financial Staff

occur in the summer. The report says that after last summer's relaxation of the price code, it was not possible to gauge trends in profit margins. Increases could be due to the taking up of slack under the "old" code and the changes since last August mean

that the Commission's figures for profits and profit margins were in no way comparable with those for previous The calculation of profits and margins was "highly arti-ficial", the report said, and bore little resemblance to pro-

fits "calculated on accepted accounting principles". Indeed "in some instances companies will be showing 'losses' for price control pur-poses while their published accounts will show substantial

On investment, the report says that 498 companies have applied for relief against an estimated expenditure of £3,684m, about 73 per cent of them being in the manufactur-

ing sector.

* Price Commission Report
September to November. HMSO
£1.65.

Better prospects seen for world shipbuilding

By Peter Hill
Brighter prospects for the
world's shipping industry by the
end of the year were forecast
in a report published yesterday.
Oversupply at the beginning
of last year, according to Fearn or last year, according to reariley & Egers Chartering, the Oslo-based shipbrokers, amounted to 105 million tons deadweight, while at the beginning of this year it had been reduced to about 80 million. By the end of this year it could be between 40 and 50 million tons

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Deliveries last year amounted to 60.9 million tons, with 40.7 million accounted for by deliveries of oil tankers. Scrapping rose to a record 15 million tons, with 11 million represented by

Deliveries this year are expected to amount to 50.6 million tons, with tankers accounting for some 21.2 million and dry bulk vessels 17.1 million. This, the report suggested, was too high a volume, and some delay in the projected delivery pro-gramme would have beneficial effects.

CCA 'gives auditors wider area of discretion'

Introducing the current cost system of inflation accounting would materially increase the number of areas in which an auditor must use his discretion in determining whether the figures given provide a "true and fair view" of the state of

affairs of the company, according to the auditing practices committee of the Consultative Committee of Accountancy But the amounts to be trans-

ferred to or from revaluation reserve under the Morpeth system as set out in ED 18 will not necessarily be susceptible to audit, the committee points out, since the assumptions on which these transfers are to be made "are largely matters of policy which depend on the discretion of directors ".

These comments are set out in a booklet published today, The Audit Implications of ED 18—Current Cost Accounting, designed to instruct auditors on how the main problem areas of auditing current cost acounts should be approached. Also it could encourage them to develop the revised procedures they will need for the audit of current cost accounts, and pro-vide background information to enable those accountants who comment on ED 18 to take account of the related auditing aspects.

Recognizing that their inability to assess the amounts transferred to and from revaluation reserve "may be considered unsatisfactory", the auditors suggest that the release vant accounting standard may incorporate procedures to be followed to arrive at the transfer once CCA has been established for some time.

But in the meantime, they say, this limitation as regards the auditor's work will need to be appreciated. They call for an updated statutory definition of which profits/reserves are available for distribution, say-ing that such a revised definition is already overdue, and the need for it under CCA is greater still.

*The Audit Implications of ED 18—Current Cost Accounting. Available from the Publications Department, PO Box 433, Moorgate Place, London, EC2P 2BJ, price £1.50, includ-

GOVERNMENT'S EXPENDITURE PLANS_

North Sea oil the base for industria recovery, not the solution

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Although this may have been tolerable when general pros-perity was allowing living standards to rise, the White Paper says, the drop in real income caused by the increase in oil prices (put at a 5 per cent fall for the nation as a whole) has intensified the conflict between private and public consumption.

The paper says that better services will have to take second place to progress towards improving our economic and industrial performance, and warns that North Sea oil must be used as the base for solving our industrial problems, instead being seen as a solution in itself.

Reversing the tendency for the public sector's share of the economy to grow is seen as a vital part of this. The paper estimates that, as a result of all the cuts that have been made. public expenditure's share of the gross domestic product should fall from 46 per cent to 42-43 per cent if the generall, internationally accepted "market prices" criterion is used.

If the alternative "factor cost" measure is used, the fall will be from 51! per cent to 48 per cent. Should transfer payments be excluded to get a measure of the direct a measure of the direct expenditure on goods and services of central Government and local authorities, the proportion would fall from 261 per cent to 23-24 per cent, roughly the level in 1971-72.

Although the White Paper says that the restrictions on public spending are a necessary condition of economic recovery and a fall in unemployment, no rapid improvement is assumed over tebe next two years.

Estimates for the Social Security Bill have been based on an assumption that the average rate of unemployment remains tehe same as it is now until April 1979. In addition, special allowance has been made to take account of the possibility that it will in fact turn out to be considerably higher, thus imposing a heavier drain on the Government's re-

Controlling social security spending poses special problems because it cannot be covered by the workings of a "cash limit" system. This system is an attempts to ensure that the con-stant, or "survey" prices used in drawing up the estimates do not allow for runaway spending growth because of inflation.

At the beginning of the 197778 financial year, cash limits, which are quite literally what they say, will be fixed for a large part of central Government spending.

In 1976-77, such limits were applied to 65 per cent of all central Government voted money, and in spite of the fact that inflation exceeded expectations the Government forced its departments to stick to them. They will be expected to do so

In forcing them to do so, the Treasury has been building up its monitoring system of the way spending is growing and is drawing up "profiles" which show roughly the pace at which money should be spent.

Such sophisticated monitoring devices are not available in

	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1976-79
Current expenditure	12.763		707	10011	15 666	15,946	15,910	15,897
Wages and salaries	13,252	13,751	14,297	15,044	15,566	13,940	910	. 1243
Other current expenditure on producted	7,638	7,6%	7,844	8,001	8,373	8,670	8,346	8,315
Coloridia	1,935	1,829	2917	4,397	3,948	3,256	2571	2,643
Current grants to persons	9.284	10163 •	10,146	10.762	11,737	3,583 12,240	12,910	13,186
Current grams to private bodies	717	765	840	894	954	1,016	983	- 906
Current granes abread	378	396	518	300	452	733	939	1,071
Total excluding debt interest	33,204	34,600	36,592	39,598	41,030	- 42,193	41,959.	42,011
Carital expenditure						7		
Gross domestic fixed capital formation	6,103	6,094	6,689	6,568	6,495	6,140	5,060 52	4,706
Increase in value of stocks	104	112	47	_ 32	61	22	1185 1185	47
Capital grants	1.492	1,308 5-7	1,363 732	1,275 1,122	1,133 599	1,368 535	432	1,214 474
Net lending to the private sector Net lending to nationalised industries	1,924	3,834	314	951	1,146	800	790	900
Net lending to overseas governments	212	<u></u>	Ĩ 73	156	2,140	1 94	790 79	
Drawings from United Kingdom sub-			• • •	200] -		
scriptuous and international lending	i					1 .		
bodies	27	48	₽Ŗ		116	99.	.IIL.	-13
Other ner lending and investment	43				€87	599	399	36
Cash expenditure on company securi-	1 -3	660	725	711	€ 1	233	71.5	- 200
	71	61	7.	259	434	23	-480	. 15
Capital transfers abroad	=	94	69	153	13	3		7
Total 3	10,259	10,989	10,177	11,338	10,786	9,705	7,593	7,91
Commency reserve						1	650	90
Total	45,463	45,589	46,769	50,936	51,816	51,898	50,200	50,83
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PUBLIC EXPENDITURE BY ECONOMIC CATEGORY

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765	932	990	935	797	1,062	1,252	1,3
845	758	855	1,708	1,605	1,003	5 51	5
878	544	348	145	70	29	9	
1,493	2,147	3,144	3,390	2,938	3,045	2,143	2,4
1,934	1,824	314	951	1,146	800	. 750	
2.730	2334	3.73	5 152	4.622	4.680	4286	7 2 21: ,
2,293	2436	2,582	2561	2612	2,560	2.295	21.,
1,449	1,465	1,551	1,660	1,729	1,848	1,236	1,5
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dealing with local authorities. which the White Paper concedes will find it difficult to keep within the limits set them. Their share of public spending is expected to fall from 28.5 pe cent this year to 28.1 per cent

Between 20,000 and 30,000 local authority jobs are expec-ted to be lost in England and Wales. The hope is that intensive discussions, coupled with the fact that overspending last year by local authorities was punished by a cut in govern-ment subsidy this year, will be enough to keep the min line. Quite apart from being much thinner than most of its pre-

decessors, the White Paper embodies a number of changes in presentation which have already been foreshadowed by the Treasury.
Of these the most important

ests from public spending, on the grounds that it is counted elsewhere. This reduces the debt bill from £6,500m on the old basis to £1,800m on the new

But even if the change had not been made, the burden of debt would have been less because interest rates are lower and the inflation rate is higher than was originally expected.

£ million at 1976 Sure 1976-77 1977-78 1975-76 35,139 35,454 34,144(A) 1,306 14,102 51.816 51.898 49,552

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(3) The figures for debt interest in this table are on the new basis explained in rare res for debt interest on the old basis are given in table 6 on page 16.

for the 52 weeks ended September 26 1976 The annual report and accounts which will be despatched to shareholders on February 9 1977 will show results for the 52 weeks ended September 26 1976 compared with the 52 weeks ended

BRITISH SUGAR CORPORATION LIMITED

Preliminary Profit Announcement

	52 weeks to 26.9.76	52 weeks to 28.9.75
•	£'000	£'000
Turnover	206,924	115,538
Trading profit	15,082	8, 233
Interest on loan capital	770	585
Profit before taxation	14,312	7,648
Taxation	7,368	3,768
Profit after taxation	6,944	3,880
Dealt with as under:		•
Recommended appropriation to capital reserve for re-equipment (including provision for increased costs of replacement)	d 5,* ;0	3,000
Dividends paid and recommended:		
Interim (paid September 1 1976) —4.645 (1975 4.22 pence per share, equivalent with associated tax credit to 7.146 (1975 6.497) pence per share	23) 	422
Final (recommended—payable on April 1 1977) 4.6- (1975 4.223) pence per share, equivalent with associated tax credit to 7.146 (1975 6.497) per		·
per share	<u>465</u>	422
	6,829	. 3,844
Profit retained	115	36
· ·	6,944	3,880
Earnings per share (pence)	69.4	38.8

Sugar sales were in excess of budget due to a particularly brisk fourth quarter and this improved our cash position by reducing the unusually high year-end stock brought forward into these accounts. The profit for the year is higher than our interim forecast due to an improvement in our sugar income and a reduction in expenses compared with our mid-year estimates. Although this profit is higher than was forecast at the interim stage and closely approaches the record figure in 1973/74, it was achieved from a second poor crop; production of sugar and co-products barely utilised two-thirds of our capacity. It is a clear indication that at proper utilisation levels with an average crop the Company can both invest at the high level it needs to do and still

production to 1,250,000 tonnes by 1980 in an average campaign of 120 days continues and the current year's capital expenditure programme totals just under £30 million.

The Company plans early in 1977 to introduce its Silver Spoon range into the remaining areas in the South and West and so give complete national coverage.

An interim dividend of 4.645p per share (1975 4.223p) was paid on September 1 1976. The directors will recommend the payment on April 1 1977 of a final dividend of the same amount (1975 4.223p) to shareholders whose names are on the register at close of business on February 18 1977, making a total for the year of 9.29p per share (1975 8.446p), equivalent with the associated tax credit to 14.292p per share (1975 12.994p), the maximum permitted under Government regulations.

The Company's five-year plan to expand British State Corporation Limited

British Sugar Corporation Central Offices: PO Box 26 Oundle Road Peterborough PE2 9QU

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on Thursday March 10 1977 at 12.00 noon at the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London W1,

UK used more energy last year but less than in 1973

By Roger Vielvove

Energy Correspondent Enerby consumption in Britain was equivvalent to 325 million tons of coal, an increase of five million tons over the previous year, but still 23 million tons below the 1973 level.

Energy Trends, the Department of Energy publication, forecasts that primary energy consumption this year will rise to 336 million tonnes of coal equivalent. Consumption of iseful energy—net of losses in conversion and appliances—is likel yto be near 1973 levels or

The difference between primary and useful energy consump-tion is explained by the fact that gas consumption is increasing and less primary energy is needed to produce the same mount of useful energy, the

Recession, higher prices and conservation were mainly responsible for the comparatively low consumption level in 1976. Of the 325 million tons of coal equivalent used during the year oil provided 40 per cent; coal 37 per cent; gas almost 18 per cent; nuclear and hydro power. 5 per cent.

Rapid expansion of North Sea oil production to between 35 and 40 million tons a year is possible during 1977, and by the end of the year almost half of Britain's oil requirements should be met from this course. should be met from this source.

According to Energy Trends, coal is likely to hold most of its share of total demand but production is expected to rise only slowly until output from new pits and other major investments is achieved. Gas should increase its share

of the market to about 20 per

Delivery dispute lays off hundreds at Leyland

Hundreds of Leyland car workers were laid off yesterday as production of another model was hit by a delivery drivers' strike. Output of the Triumph Spittire stopped at Canley, Coventry, where the Dolomite had already been halted, with 920 now laid off.

The strike, by 270 drivers employed by James Car Delivery, has bouled up new vehicles inside the Coventry plant and two other big factories at Solihull and Long-

An estimated 20,000 Range Rover, Land-Rover, Rover 3500, Triumph, Allegro and Minis, has now been stockpiled and production is being run down as storage space is filled.

The drivers bave been out for more than two weeks, protesting that Levland plans to offer car collection facilities at Solihull to other firms are endangering their jobs.

Pharmaceutical exports reach record £452m

year, according to provisional figures issued yesterday. The figures represented a 21.3

per cent increase on 1975, but imports, at £139.3m, were up 43.5 per cent, the Association of the Brkish Pharmaceurical industry stated. The surplus of exports over imports was a record £313.2m.

Spares depot halted

British Leyland's giant spares denot at Horsepath near Oxford, was at a standstill yesterday as a result of a strike by 56 men. Another 650 workers were laid off until further notice. The depot normally sends out up to film-worth of spares a day.

US strike toll up

More American workers went on strike last year than the year before, the Labour Depart-ment reported in Washington. The 5,600 work stoppages involved 2,500,000 workers and resulted in 28 million idle work Exports worth a record resulted in 38 million idle work £452.5m were achieved by the days, against 31.2 million days pharmaceutical industry last in 1975.

INTERIM STATEMENT

The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Limited

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors of The Commercial Banking Company. Sydney Limited have declared an interim ordinary dividend 6 and a half cents per share (last year 6 and a half per 0 being 6 and a half cents per share) in respect of the half yended 31st December, 1976, on the issued capital of the Bar The dividend is payable on 11th March, 1977. Completed transfereeived by the company up to 3 p.m. on 21st February, 1977 be registered before entitlements to the dividend are determinat the end of the reporting period. at the end of the reporting period.

The Bank Group's (excluding CAGA) net profit after \$5,151,000 (half year to 31st December, 1975 \$5,128,000). CAN Group disclosed a net loss of \$10,640,000 (half year to 3 December, 1975 profit \$3,334,000). Consolidated operating l-(to be audited) half year to 31st December, 1976 \$3,941,000 (byear to 31st December, 1976 \$3,941,000 (byear to 31st December, 1975 profit \$5,893,000).

Economic conditions and, in particular, the impact of the conditions on the recovery of the real estate sector, have it an adverse effect on CAGA. This fact has been recognised over two years by statements in the accounts and prospecting issued by CAGA. The Board of CAGA has, up to the presentaken the view that recovery in the real estate sector work available to CAGA in respect of certain overdue debts and I regulated company policy accordingly. CAGA management recent advice to its Board is that the carrying charges involving that policy put in question the wisdom of its continuabilities and in the policy put in question the wisdom of its continuabilities and in accordance with that advice, the management CAGA recommended to its Board that the policy in a monit of cases should now be modified to require more rateralisations. Management's advice recognise that this modification of policy could result in losses being incurred on some account and therefore make it proper for provisions to be made cover possible losses. Management's further advice was the abnormal provisions of \$23 million (gross) would appropriate. These provisions (net of tax) will result in an overloss by CAGA of \$10.6 million after taking into account CAGE operating profits for the haif year.

This bank and the Bank of America (who between them b. Economic conditions and, in particular, the impact of the

This bank and the Bank of America (who between them be 92.4 per cent of the capital of CAGA) have decided to incressubstantially their support to CAGA as evidence of the confidence in its future as a major force in the finance fields in Australia.

C.B.C. has applied and CAGA has today allotted to C.B. Bank 6 million shares of \$1.00 each at a premium of .50 reference and Bank of America, New York, has applied a that company has allotted to Bank of America, 1.5 million shares of \$1.00 each at the same premium per share with the effect that Bank of America retains its past 20 per ce shareholding in that company and C.B.C. Bank's pertention shareholding is marginally increased.

C.B.C. Bank and Bank of America will provide in the ording course of banking business additional lines of credit to Cale

CAGA's Board has today amounced that no interim didded will be paid. Mindful of the interests of the minority sharehold (who now hold approximately 7.5 per cent of the issued cappel in CAGA) C.B.C. Bank has decided to formulate an offer acquire their shares on the basis of one share in C.B.C. Bank is each share in CAGA. The bank expects that it will be in position to make that offer shortly.

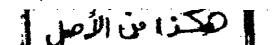
The profits from banking operations have not been affect in any way, and the directors expect that the bank will mainly future dividend payments at least at the current rate.

The action by this bank, and its decision to take advantage its substantial resources to cope with CACA's problem, couple with the strong support of Bank of America, will emal concentration by CACA on traditional and highly profitable area indeed, it is now in a position as a result of these steps to take full advantage of its market position and continue as a dynamical institution. The directors are confident that the profitability of the bank and of CACA will hereafter grow the strongest possible foundation.

Please note that dividend warrants will be posted shareholders as soon as possible after 11th March, 1977.

By order of the Chief Box I. S. Macketz Chief Manager, Lond

27th January, 1977.



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Newsprint

producers

price rise

By Edward Townsend

unfair.

ducers are insisting that British

newspapers pay the full £40 per

tonne increase imposed on Janu-

ary 1, despite increasingly

vehement claims from users that

the rise is unjustified and

The larger part of the in-

By Our Energy Correspondent Results of applications for new oil exploration and production licences in British waters are expected to be announced by the Department

of Energy next Thursday. Seventy one blocks were offered, of which 50 attracted bids from 53 consortia or individual companies. According to industry sources only about 15 blocks were of great interest

to the large oil companies. Acreage offered in the Moray Firth area between the Piper and Claymore fields and the new Mesa find attracted most attention. One block in this region is thought to have pro-

There was also keen bidding for several blocks in shallow English Channel, But the acre-age in mid-Channel and in the Western Approaches was largely ignored.

Once the companies have been notified of results of this fifth round of licensing, they will have to neograte with the British National Oil Corpora-tion, which will be the 51 per cent majority shareholding in each new licence.

BNOC and the United Kingdom Offshore Operators committee have drawn up a stanstate participation in new es, which will be available to all successful hidders.

Short-time at Krupp

More than 5,000 of the 11,500 workers at the Fried Krupp Huttenwerk AG steelworks at Rheinhausen will go on some form of short-time work during February and March, a company spokesman announced in Bochum. The planned short-time reflects the widespread recession in Europe affecting profile steels.

New Chloride factory

Chloride Lorival, a member of the Chloride battery group, is to set up a firm factory at Bury which is expected to create 100 new jobs. The company, with headquarters at Bolton, is to take over the Bury

day's weekly meeting of the executive but was one of a num-

ber of items not reached

By Clifford Webb

Conserve oil and find alternatives or face shortages, OECD says

By Roger Vielvoye Unless fresh efforts are made to conserve energy and develop should make "firm and outelternatives to oil, the world spoken" political commitments
could face higher prices or to the need to save energy as
shortages of oil or both, the
Organization for Economic further reducing future energy Organization for Economic further r Cooperation and Development demand says in a report.

According to the publication World Energy Outlook*, if pre-sent trends continue, OECD demand for imported oil could rise from 23.4 million barrels a day in 1975 to 35 million barrels

a day by 1985.
This level of demand when added to oil required by other countries might exceed the quantity that exporting countries, especially those in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, would be withing to make available. Increasing the efficiency of Since conservation and the cars, incentives for investment expansion of alternatives to oil require long lead times, the

report argues that new policies must be adopted within the next year or so, if they are to influence events in the mid-1980s.

The report suggests ways in which the industrialized nations could avoid a new energy be accelerated for the North

development of industrial democracy in the nationalized

industries and decided that em-ployees in these industries

forthcoming legislation.

crisis. On the conservation side Sea, Alaska, and the Unite it says that governments States continental shelf.
should make "firm and outspoken" political commitments restraints on new energy

restraints on new energy devel-opment, particularly for coal and nuclear power, are recom-mended combined with promotion of coal.

A number of measures could be taken immediately. Pricing Other measures include elimination of price controls on energy at world levels a refercrude oil and natural gas in the United States; incentives for ence to countries whose domestic production enables secondary and tertiary oil recovery techniques; and government support for solar them to keep prices down-would have an immediate effect through market forces. energy, coal conversion and extraction techniques for shale There was also a need for

selected mandatory measures such as speed limits which could heighten public aware-ness and create the psychooil and tar sands. The OECD says that if trends continue unchecked, energy requirements by 1985 will have logical climate necessary to reinforce market effects". Increasing the efficiency of in energy-saving equipment and higher insulation standards

requirements by 1985 will have risen by 47 per cent to the equivalent of 1019 million barrels of oil a day.

The OECD is heading for oil consumption of 50.3 million barrels a day by 1985 of which 35 million barrels would be imported. The report claims its programme could hold consumption to 42.7 million barrels and actually reduce the level of

Whitehall reported on | Kuwait stake state worker directors By Macolm Brown in the year when the White

An interdepartmental committee of senior civil servants examining the nationalized industries, had already reported to ministers on worker directors on state industry boards, recording to a stratement from Papers on industrial democracy and on state industry structure The state industries were according to a statement from the Treasury yesterday. The committee is headed by Mr Alan

cases.
The Electricity Council, which said it would await details of explaining the reference by Mr Dell, Secretary of State for the Lord Committee, claimed to be already in the forefront of Trade, during the Bullock de-bate on Wednesday that the Government had considered the

which already had worker directors on its divisional boards indicated that it would

should be given the right to representation at board level. Consultations would proceed in parallel with the Bullock British Rail said that it would prefer to see the existing arrangements for participation consultations and the conclusions would be included in any in the railways extended rather than replaced by something

The Treasury declined to indicate precisely how the Lord Committee had advised ministers, but the committee's advice worker participation on the is likely to be summarized later

facilities.

tined for Europe

Coffee revenue hope

Brazilian coffee officials are projecting 1977 coffee revenues conservatively at \$2,300m (£1,341m) the record level of payment for not meeting the last year, with an estimated 77 rarger while talks proceeded on per cent of last year's exports. piecework rates and manning levels to produce a new range ers project responsible. \$3,500m with lower exports.

would also have a beneficial effect, says the report. It also makes a number of It also makes a number of controversial suggestions for and actually reduce the level of imports by 4 per cent. *World Energy Outlook, OECD Paris, \$12.90 or £5.90.

The two countries are considering building an eight million tonnes a year capacity re-finery and associated petrochemical facilities at Navo on the Black Sea. This will involve Kuwait supplying crude and possibly the first involvement of Kuwaiti cash in a Communist block country.

not clear, but apart from the supply of crude, Kuwait is also understood to be negotiating participation in the venture either through a 20 per cent stake in the equity or a straight

lene plant, together with styrene and aromatics production

bulk of the plant's output des-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

insist on full | Fundamental weakness in shipping control that is a threat to safety

Scandinavian newsprint pro-

pilotage, as reported recently in The Times, provides yet another stage in the Governoverdue reform. I believe that cised by the port authorities the real issue is, or should be, one of providing the optimum degree of safety in the movement of shipping in our water-

exercised on movement of

shipping in the port channels and the approaches thereto.

Development of the Suez Canal

describing the study which has the predicted rate and then to

This was due to both

ment to provide it.

From Mr T. F. D. Sewell

Sir, In your issue of January

18 you published an article

been undertaken by a British

group, into the whole question

of the current and future de-

As the team leader of the

firm heading up the group I

should like to correct some

false impressions given by the

First, we estimate that the

current scheme to enlarge the canal to provide for tankers of

53 foot draught is unlikely to

be completed until 1980, which

would, nevertheless, be a fine

size of the undertaking. The

date given in the article was 1978/79 which had been the

Canal Authority's estimate

with many British friends I am

very sorry to hear about all your economic troubles in

Britain. But why do British

borrowing

achievement in view of

some time ago.

article.

velopment of the Suez Canal.

crease, which raises the price of 45 gramme quality newsprint to It is unfortunate that pre-£268.50 per tonne, is to cover vious considerations have losses from the falling value of set out with this objective. They have been more con-cerned with preserving the pilots' much cherished but outthe pound. However, publishers now demand that, as sterling has risen in value against the dated independence, while cer-tain pilotage authorities have dollar and the Swedish kronor, devoted their energies to maintaining the present structhe rise should be reduced. The United Kingdom News-

print Users' Committee, which represents national and provinof pilotage is based upon a system of self-employed pilots, cial newspapers, took the unusual step yesterday of issuoperating independently of the port authorities, who are charged by Parliament with the overall responsibility for ing a statement condemning the rise. A leading Scandinavian supplier said, however, that the control and safe movement although the pound had strengof shipping within their juristhened, the new level was still dictions. Until some 20 years or so considered just and fair. "We ago, port authorities limited the application of their control are reluctant to continue the argument through the press", powers to vessels approaching and manoeuvring within the

Negotiations between British buyers and the Scandinavians traditionally have been friendly, but the latest round has become increasingly bitter, with the troubled newspaper industry facing an annual addition to its newsprint bill of well over

The Canadian suppliers first announced the £40 rise, followed quickly by the Scandinavians with both groups, who supply two thirds of British newsprint demand, imposing the same currency clause allowing for further rises should sterling's value fall below \$1.55. The users then accused the producers of operating a cartel, which was denied.

Publishers claim that because the dollar and kronor have per-formed differently in relation to sterling, the Canadian price for the 48.8 gramme quality could justifiably rise from 5208 to 5220 per tonne, including a "real" increase for the mills. The Scandinavian price, they argue, could rise to £230 and to cover previous currency losses go as high as £238. But demands for £248 for the grade are excessive ".

Although the publishers seem determined to fight the increase few courses of action appear open to them. Threats late last year of a British boycott of Scandinavian newsprint are not taken seriously, and the Nordic producers stress that they must have the full rise to ensure the survival of some lossmaking newsprint mills.

Secondly, contrary to what is stated at the end of paragraph With continental buyers on the whole having reached agree-10, we do recommend that the canal be further widened to accommodate 68 foot draught tankers, provided that pre-dicted trade growth is verified ment with the Scandinavians, the British feel they are standing alone against the demands. However, there are now signs of a split among United Kingdom in practice and that funds can be made available. Because of buyers, and when the first paythese two factors we feel that ments under the new rates fall due on February 25, some are a possible course which might likely to pay without argument.

From Mr R. L. Collins of hazardous cargoes, together various stations. Only the property of the Rebbeck Committee on marine radio-telephone communications statuory powers to constant the control of the property of the prop and port radar installations, have combined to change the situation. Shipping control is ment's efforts to produce long now a necessity and is exer-

> We have, therefore, an anomalous and potentially dangerous situation in which e two parties concerned with the safe movement of shipping are divided. This is the fundamental weakness of the present system. Marine safety is decidedly ill served by this outdated and devisive feature of our marine profession. The risk of conflict is too great and future developments in shipping control may make the conflict intolerable.

Port navigation stations have The archaic British system now been in operation for some years and have made a significant contribution to marine safety. More recently pilotage bodies have also established modern communication stations and the coastguard service bas established a communications and surveillance station for the Pover Strait, the Channel Navigation Information Service. Thus we have an assortment of stations around our coasts exercising various functions concerned with naviga operating independently navigation. each other on a harch-potch basis with no effective co-

ordination. absence of a real necessity for it at that time and also to the Not only is there unnecessary and wasteful duplication of lack of the technical equipstations in some cases, there is a danger of confusion The development of larger among shipmasters as to the vessels, the increasing carriage powers and duties of the

traffic continues to build up at

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authority could then decide to expand to 68 feet, but in order

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Yours faithfully, T. F. D. SEWELL,

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which may be called Regi-Marine Authorities. To bodies would take over navigation powers and di of the present port author and combine them. statutory basis, with m pilotage functions. Apart from the admini

tive advantages, pilots w benefit from having experi in other navigational duries shipping control officers w be more effective from baving had local pile The safe movement of ping requires a strong

unified marine profession urge Doctor Rebbeck's mirtee to direct their ene. to this aim. Yours faithfully, R. L. COLLINS, 26 Stangate Road, Strood.

Rochester.

A vain wait for help be taken by the Canal Authority would be to complete the 53 foot scheme, see if the

From Mr J. S. Findlay Sir, Since the Labour Part ference, when Mr Call made a timely speech to encourage the need dustry, I have been waiti vain for practical met which would give substar

his words.
We are a small engine company with 60 empl working in the high-techr field of automatic me ment and control. In the six months we have ha regional employment pre cancelled, a delay imposs grants for capital expenin development areas, tri grants for vocation stor withdrawn and the anno ment of a further increa-National Insurance premit

cash are being closed ar fresh ones opened to take direction. In addition, the complace. Now that the Minister has placed hims charge of industry it is: lems was undertaken by staff thing positive and beliful Yours sincerely, J. S. FINDLAY Chairman, Findlay Irvine Limited. Bog Road, Penicuik, Midlothian.

Indonesia rejects

has rejected the latest offer by Mr Bruce Rappaport, the Geneva based tanker charterer, to settle the \$1,200m (£720m) tranker charter dispute between his Loter Marine group and Pertamine, the Indonesian state oil company.

According to the latest issue of the Far Eastern Economic Review, the Rappaport offer was that Pertamina should pay \$259m of outstanding amounts Rappaport charter companies.
Remaining promissory notes would be cancelled and all other obligations and actions

acceptable to the Indonesian government."

deal through a company called General Maritime (Generar) which, ir said, indicated that Genmar had originally been financed by Pertamina. It had received money from

Pertamina which was used as security in chartering ships from various owners which were then on-chartered to Pertamina at higher races. employees up to senior level.

> and/or a director is a trustee, and management of the fund's investments is delegated to a subcommittee on to which outbrought. Membership participation is now slowly coming into vogue, but only after repeated

Puzzled by the British attitude or apology for the salesman's Meanwhile I am told misleading promise, though it Britain has just taken at Sir, As a Swedish businessman

coat of arms saying "By the Queen", which I understand ing for it with harsh eco counts in your country as a penalties. firms make so little effort to please foreign customers and sign of dependability. earn their much-needed cur-rency instead of constantly When I expressed my surthe British artitude. You prise at this casual and unsarration of shopkeepers

Last June when I was in London I ordered a Range Rover from British Leyland. Delivery was promised in seven months, which seemed a shocking delay for a country that is short of cash. Then a few weeks ago I received a letter from British Leyland to say that delivery would be in sixteen months, not seven. The letter contained no explanation the sale explained that he had more than 150 export custom. In the sale explained that he had more than 150 export custom. In the sale explained that he had more than 150 export custom. In the sale explained that he had have kept the most with ment with ment with ment with ment with grantle for a similar delay. If that is true, through that single salesman there is a potential earning of perhaps postpoor custom. In the sale explained that he had have kept the ment with m

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From Mr Harry Lucas Sir, I note that the campaign by the CBI and various employers against the Govern-ment's proposals on member-ship participation has con-tinued through the season of goodwilk with squibs from Mr J. S. McLeod on Christmas Eve and Sir Alastair Pikington on the tenth day of Christmas.

I write in reply as head of the Pensions and Social Ser-vices Department of the country's third largest trade union. We have considerable experience in negociating pension schemes, and are probably dealing at any one time with about 400 schemes, including many of the largest.

It is certainly my impression that the majority of workers in these schemes are unionized. I have no figures for this, any more than the minister has, because no statistical work has been done on the subject. We can be fairly sure that if there trad been a question on trade traid been a question on Grade union membership in the Government Actuary's survey on pension schemes, there would have been an outcry!

I would strongly dispute Mr McLeod's assertion that "in the past funds have usually been managed by scheme members uominated by management". On the contrary, this has rarely been the case except where, coincidentally, there has been a common pension scheme for all

Often the company secretary siders who cannot possibly be a management trustee don-members of the fund are ning another hat to resist im-

Trade unions and pension fund management

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Of the top 100 companies in administer the pension for the best interests of a member-thin members, and not with the companies in the best interests of a members, and not with the companies in the best interests of a members, and not with the companies in the best interests of a members, and not with the companies in the companies in the companies in the duty of the trus. The Times 1,000, I have personal knowledge that member-ship participation schemes have been recently negotiated in 14. A further six or seven have longstanding participation errangements, as indeed does Pilkingtons. The vast majority of schemes do not involve members in any way in the management of their own

In other words, the vast majority of pension scheme members are currently disfranchized, and would be given new rights by the White Paper's proposals.

money.

One must congratulate the CBI on their frankness in proclaiming their real objections. What they are really afraid of is that trustees appointed through the machinery of organized labour will control substantial—and fast growing— capital assets, and so will have the means to determine the investment patterns of the indus-tries that employ them. Their objection, therefore, is a political one.

For the very reasons that they fear it, we welcome it as a small step towards more democratic participation in the the nation's control of ėconomy.

I am glad, however, to be able to agree with Mr McLeod on one point. There has in the past been much confusion between the roles of negotiating pension schemes and administering those schemes according to the Trust Deed and Rules. This confusion arises on both sides—it is not unusual to find ning another hat to resist improvements to a pension scheme that are proposed by the trade unions.

to any sectional interest. is a task that requires co sense and prudence, than expertise; it is fo trustees to employ the ext It is a task that memb the fund, appointed the the trade unions—are weeted to undertake, because: will eventually have to on the pensions the fun provide. If any one is go play "ducks and drakes' the money, it is not they.

I sincerely hope Sir A
Pilkington is not corressaying that "the way in
trustees are elected change each time the pa. power changes. That be a disaster. The conover pensions that achieved with the Social ity Pensions Act did not easily. Now would be an

tive and Liberal parti-state clearly what their tudes would be in the ev the proposed membership... ticipation becoming enacti:... In the meantime, may that all concerned with o tional pensions get dor . the essential task of pr ing with consultations the Pensions Act—there remain but 11 months for contract in or out decisi-be determined. Yours faithfully, HARRY LUCAS Head of Pensions and

Services Department, General Workers Union Thorne House. Ruxley Ridge. Claygate, Esher,

SIMARLEY Investing for growth at home and abroad

The Annual General Meeting of Marley Limited will be held on March 9 at Riverhead, Sevenoaks, Kent. The following are extracts from the Annual Statement by Mr. Owen A. Aisher, the Chairman:-

In 1976 our world-wide sales to customers increased by £52 millions to £203 millions, pre-tax profits rose similar markets, and we are moving towards that by 58% and earnings available for distribution have

As good as these results are, of greater importance is the high level of new investment we have laid down in recent years. The rate of expansion was accelerated in 1976, when £23.6 millions was spent on fixed and working capital. During the last three years, we have ploughed back into the business £36 millions of undistributed profits belonging to shareholders. This sum, together with additional facilities from the banks, enabled us to increase by a total of £50 millions our fixed assets and stocks and still leave total borrowings at less than 25% of our capital

Whilst doing all this, our domestic cash flow has been strong enough to avoid taking up any of the medium term bank facility arranged in 1975. Until 1980, therefore, we still have available to us approximately £10 millions of bank money as and when needed, over and above the funds we shall generate within the company.

The nature of our business has changed over the last decade and current investment policies indicate more change in the future. We are researching new products and new markets with growing emphasis on the maintenance and enlargement of existing homes, a large proportion of which are still well below modern requirements. The majority of UK residents own the homes in which they live and, whether more or less new houses are built, the number of owner occupiers will continue to grow. They have every incentive, financial or otherwise, to maintain and enlarge their property which in most cases represents their main security against future inflation. The potential of this kind of market is immeasurable and we intend to increase our share of it. The turnover figures show our further expansion into home improvements, with new housing taking a reducing possibilities in overseas countries, including those percentage, now only 19%, of our total sales.

There are ample opportunities overseas to exploit goal. For example, in Ireland, Germany, Austria and South Africa we are now beginning to sell increasing quantities of plastic extruded products. This follows the recent substantial investments in buildings and plant we have made in those countries to initiate local production. Exported sales to France are now at a level where there, too, we are considering a manufacturing unit. We are promoting the DIY market in Germany with wider product ranges and in Austria additional Homecare shops are being opened. More depots will be established in Ireland and our distribution buildings across Canada are being extended.

Where we do not manufacture, the promise of export business is good, particularly for those newer products we are developing at home. This is specially true of EEC markets, where customers are showing great interest in auto parts recently developed by Marley Foam, and in the product ranges of Marley Buildings. The export potential is encouraging for plumbing products from Marley Extrusions and new floorings from Wallington Weston.

When we last revalued fixed assets at the end of 1971 a surplus of £11.5 millions was recorded. In the five years since then the aggregate inflation rate has been 90%. Our fixed assets all over the world are clearly undervalued, particularly so when it is remembered that large sums have been spent on freehold seiling outlets - superstores, depots, warehouses, in the UK, Ireland, Canada and other countries. Towards the end of last year, therefore, we initiated an overall revaluation of our fixed assets and the outcome will be announced later in 1977.

Looking to the future, our policy of expansion and diversification is expected to continue over the years ahead. We shall spend more monies on product development, particularly in the plastics field. At the same time we are still looking closely at investment where we are not yet materially represented.

The Annual Report, "Marley News" and Employees' Report are available from the Secretary, Marley Ltd., Riverhead, Sevenocks, Kent.

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reluctant to become involved in the Bollock debate, preferring to wait until after further talks with the responsible ministers on how industrial democracy is to be applied in their individual Lord, second permanent secre-tary to the Treasury. This goes some way towards

worker participation.
The British Steel Corporation,

be prepared to discuss the issues involved if approached by the Government.

Union urged to back tractor plant strike

But last night a spokesman Leaders of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers are coming under increasing pressure to declare official the strike which has closed Massey-Ferguson's Coventry tractor plant for five weeks.

The union's Coventry district committee recommended 10 days ago that the strike be made

But last night a spokesman at AUEW's London headquarters said: "A' decision will almost certainly be made at next Tuesday's meeting."

Mr Jack Jones's Transport and General Workers' Union is also considering a report from its Coventry officials. They are particularly annoyed by the Canadian company's refusal to days ago that the strike be made Canadian company's refusal to official. The recommendation modify its original offer to the

was on the agenda for last Tues- strikers. Management has insisted from

and meet the agreed daily pro-duction target of 48 tractors. But local union officials in-

return to the negotiating table of tractors.

sist that as this target was the cause of the original stoppage, the company was being deli-berately provocative. The strike began when assembly workers were refused

in Romania refinery plan By Peter Hill Kuwait may take a 20 per cent stake in a petrochemical development in Romania, as part of a huge crude oil and in-

vestment package under negotiation between the two countries.

Final decisions are expected in March. According to the weekly journal, Chemical Age, the final outline of the deal is

cash loan. Total investment on the site could amount to \$900m (about £520m), and the facilities are likely to include a large ethy-

Kuwait also plans to build a \$1,000m ethylene complex at Shuaibi on the Gulf, with the

tanker deal

From Our Correspondent Hongkong, Jan 28

Dr J. B. Sumarlin, the Indonesian Minister of State,

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In an interview with the Review, Dr Sumarlin, who is head of the Indonesian team dealing with the tanker problem, said: "The offer is un-

government."

The promissory notes were signed by Lieutenant General Ibn Sotowo, the former Pertamina head, in January, 1975. In a recent court deposition in New York, where Pertamina is defending attempts by Mr Rappaport to secure payment, General Sotowo claimed that he had signed the notes without reading the terms.

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He further claimed that they had been signed by him to help Mr Rappaport; that they had not been meant to be enforced. and their any attempt to enforce them was fraudulent. General Sorowo also admitted receiving an interest-free \$2.5m loan from Mr Rappaport's Inter Martime Bank.

The Review article also revealed additional details of an earlier Pertamina Rappaport

Last week, the Review had revealed that Mr Rappaport was facing an action an New York by Sanko Steamship of Japan in respect of non-payment of charter hire on the Karko Macu, a tanker. This was co-chartered to Pertamina, and is one of the vessels involved in the Pertamina-Rappaport dispute.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Changing gear on interest rates

day's news of the Gov Eurodollar funding in the gilt market as il that sterling con-s could be finally relethe back seat when it toking for reasons for ack the rate of fall in

terday the rapid ex-if the long "tap", and al belief that this was te to a further heavy f overseas money, winced any remaining at the Bank now had to allow the rest rates to proceed y more quickly than envisaged.

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Interim 1976-77 (1975-76) Capitalization £247m
Pre-tax profits £32.9m (£17.3m)
Dividend gross 10.5p (6p)

British Sugar Financing expansion

British Sugar's strategy at the moment is directed towards raising sugar production capa-city from 950,000 tonnes annually to 1,25m by 1980, and then, weather permitting, being able to take advantage of this with Fitch Lovell some splendid beet crops.

At present, though, the beet harvest is the problem, though one can see from the 1975-76 figures what BSC is aiming at For using only two thirds of existing capacity it pushed up profits by almost 90 per cent to £14.3m, much better than the £12m indicated at the interim stage due to lower than ex-pected costs and the better competitive position which emerged in the second half after the Government's equaliza-

comfortably with an investment programme which, for example, will absorb some £30m in the current year. Cash flow will contribute fairly handsomely to this even allowing for the next the programme with the seen allowing for the next the feel discourse of the seen allowing for the next the feel discourse of the feel discourse of

Meanwhile, the shares at 340p, up 15p on the results, are that basis Inchcape; a prospective 4.7 ad selling at close to describe a proposed one of a proposed on ield is still lowly but per cent of the equity and would eat more competitive obviously not be happy about a rights issue or an acquisition which would dilute this stake.

> Capitalization £34m Sales £207m (£115.5m) Pre-tax profits £14.3m (57.6m) Earnings per share 69.4p (38.8p) Dividend gross 14.292p (12.994p)

Plessey Laying some ghosts

Plessey's third quarter pre-tax profits are a fifth higher at Interim 1976 77 (1975.76) 19.5m and keep up the recovery already under way in the prein the recent focos your four quarters. Yet this Pre-tax profits 53.41m (52.45m) owth into next year, was some way behind outside Dividend gross 1.76p (1.6p)

estimates and the shares hold steady at 69p in an otherwise frisky market.

From here on, however, Plessey should start to show its paces after the lacklustre per-formance of the last couple of years. The company went to some lengths yesterday to lay the ghost of its telecommunica-tions business, where the spectre of Post Office cuts has logged the share price, explaining that excluding exports this now accounted for only 18 per cent of sales against 24 per cent last year, with Strowger and Crossbar down to 11 per cent, though the cuts did hit third quarter profits to the tune of £400,000.

Plessey also stressed the changing mix of its business, particularly the growing empha-sis overseas which Buoyancy on the electronic

Buoyancy on the electronic and micro-system side helps explain the £3m jump in overseas profits on only a £10m sales gain, though the corollary of this is that margins in the United Kingdom must have been under pressure from the PO cuts and continued start up costs on TNFA equipment. costs on TXE4 equipment.

To judge by Plessey's confidence and its forecast that exports will top £100m for the year against £60m to date, the fourth quarter should gather further momentum. But that is unlikely to mean positis much unlikely to mean profits much above 1975's £40m which with the earnings dilution from the rights issue means a prospective p/e ratio of around 6.1. The yield, though, is a generous 10.8 per cent and profits come through inflation accounting with little more than a one-

Nine months: 1976-77 (1975-76) Capitalization £162m Sales £408m (£344m) Pre-tax profits £28m (£25m)

Improving margins The improvement in manufac-

turing margins at Fitch Lovell evident in the second half of last year continued in the first six mouths of the current financial year. And with profits before interest and exceptional items up 60 per cent from £1.35m to £2.17m, the division is also clearly benefitting from tion scheme had ended.

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line with market expectations, although the profits split provided a few variations. The poultry side had been expected to show a decline after the very buoyant first half last year and increasing feed costs, but the drop from £1.08m to £601,000 was more than some had expected. However, unlike last year, poultry prices have re-mained firm since Christmas which is a good pointer.

The shares have been very strong lately, up 9 per cent relative to the market as a whole, partly on recurring bid ralk. In the absence of that materialising, the shares at 56p, up 1p yesterday, are reasonably priced with a prospective yield of 10 per cent an da p/e ratio of about eight with profits in excess of 57.2m in sight for the

IBM suits the action to the word

Word processing has already come a long way from the days when the phrase was synonymous merely with automatic typewriting. As well as automatic typewriting (or highquality automatic printing), it now embraces information storage and retrieval, text editminicomputer control, video displays and telecommuni-

But the forecasts (by the suppliers) that the market was about to take-off in a big way, an annually recurring phenom-enon for some years now, have not materialized. Though in many ways the office environment was ripe for new techniques—growing costs and numbers of office staff, increasing volumes of paperwork, low capital investment per worker compared with manufac-turing industry, and so on—the potential productivity gains were outweighed by the inertia of traditional practices in all but the largest of organizations the largest of organizations.

For many years word pro cessing (excluding for the moment dictation equipment, copiers and facsimile) was pased on automatic typewriters, which gradually acquired larger and more convenient magnetic memories and an increased ability to manipulate or edit the Over the past two years the

technology rapidly, as the power of minicomputers and microprocessors and the ease of use of video displays have been harnessed to the processing of words as well as data. Many companies (some old, some new, some now out of business) have entered the market, still awaiting clearance for take-off.

Meanwhile, IBM, the grand-

father of word processing, had remained aloof from this particular brand of high-technology, small-size, video-based system. The corporation had a range of advanced mag-netic-card typewriters, and natic range of advanced mag-netic-card typewriters, and had provided word processing for users of its large System 370 computers (and, in the United States, for users of its small System 32 also) but had not ventured into the new generation of word processors. Not, that is, until this week. Simultaneous announcements in the United States and Europe on Wednesday revealed the birth of the IBM Office System 6, a ready-made family of new style "information processors".

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Among the features of the so far the word or magnetic cards and magnetic combination of data"floppy discs" (as used in existing IBM typewriters and computers) for information storage; a small video display to guide the operator and show the typing/editing as it takes

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place; and the company's ingenious ink-jet printer for the production of the final docu-

The new range appears to reflect, in short, its parentage which is IBM's general business systems group, formed in 1975 to bring together officeproducts and small-computer divisions. Though these divi-sions retain their separate developments—the System 6 is specifically from the office-products division—the tech-nologies are drawing closer

in setting up its general In setting up its general business systems group, IBM was preparing for what it saw as the future pattern of office information-handling systems. This would be marked by the increasing use of microelectronic and computer technological properties of the state of the systems. gies; and increasing integration of the previously separate tech-niques of handling data, text, graphics and voice communica-This week's aunouncement is

pointer to these future

tion processors represent a combination of data-processing and text-processing technologies. And, as has happened with data processing, the linking of separate locations by telecommunications is now happening with text processing.

for the delivery of letters or other documents over telephone

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lines.
It is indeed approaching the "intelligent copier" which, according to Quantum Science Corporation, will play an important role in the confluence of technologies in future business information handling. This represents a merger of

computer and copier technolo-gies, and eventually will include graphics as well as text.

Thus the companies that will be best placed as the market for integrated office system develops will be those that have various combinations of data-processing, text-preparation, copier/duplicating, facsimile and office communications pro-

The leaders clearly include IBM, Rank Xerox, Burroughs/ Redactron, Kalle Inforce, Philips and Olivetti.

The total market in western Europe for office technology equipment (rext preparation, copier/duplicators, microfilm and office communications) in 1976 amounted to about \$3,300m and, according, to Quantum Science estimates, will grow by 17 per cent a year to reach about \$7,400m by 1981. Of that total, text preparation

The ink-jet printer is both a equipment (typewriters, dictaword processing output device ion equipment and text-editing and, potentially, an "electronic equipment) accounted for mail "terminal; it can be used \$840m in 1976, rising to an estimated \$1,370m by 1981.

Within text preparation, in turn, text editing equipment accounted for 10.8 per cent of the 1976 total. An annual growth of almost 21 per cent

(about twice that of text pre-paration equipment as a whole) hould raise this proportion to 19 per cent of the total by 1981. IBM's new information processors are not cheap; they range from about £11,600 to about £22,500, or monthly rentals of about £300 to £640. But they will make possible powerful new information handling systems which can

Combined with the use of magnetic-card typewriters, and long-distance telecommunications, they can now give the large or medium-sized organiza-tion a more flexible, "distrition a more flexible, "distri-buted" pattern of word processing Again there is the analogy with computing.

files with the text of letters, reports and other documents.

Kenneth Owen Technology

Correspondent

Ronald Emler

Lager brews profits and problems

Britain's brewers are in the process of spending more than E400m in the next four years, half of it on increasing or ima premium priced drink on proving production facilities. which profit margins are gen-erally high. When Allied Breweries announced its £164m invest-

nent plans recently they were hailed by unions and govern-ment as an example of the of capital spending necessary from industry to re-store the nation's fortunes and reduce unemployment. Yet it is surprising that the brewers capital spending spree, not because of its magnitude, but because it is taking place when the beer market is stagnant.

cent drop in beer production and the decline would have larger but for a second consecutive long hor summer. The industry's conventional wisdom is that no more than marginal overall volume growth will be seen until 1979-80 and beyond. While there is much ancient

plant in use in the industry and there is an obvious need to replace it, today's eagerness to invest in new and improved

Last year there was a 1 per

which had risen to 19.9 per shire, where it will brew tor cent at the end of 1975. Most Harp. Courage is a 31 per cent observers believe that lager shareholder in the Harp consorw accounts for about one in sortium as is Scottish & now accounts for about one in Newcastle.

Reirain S& N is about to ennounce Eyebrows were raised only

boardrooms are exercised by the problem of whether lager will be taking nearer 40 or 50 per cent of the market by the mid 1980s.

spirits sector, its growth can be partly attributed to the growing public preference for the bland drink with mixers.

Weeney lager and WMT brews it under licence as well as rak-ing supplies from Northamp-

The growing public taste for lager has, however, left the brewing industry with two costly problems. It has insufficient capacity to meet today's demand and it is not possible to brew true lager in existing facilities used for producing top fermented, traditional British ales. Hence the capital investment spree. When announcing Allied's

plans Keith Showering, the chairman, said that much of the group's capital investment in production facilities would be to expand its existing lager-ing facilities at Alloa, Wresham and Burton.

In many ways Allied is typical of the industry. Its Skol brand is thought to have about 17 per cent of the lager market, yet Skol accounts for only 17 per cent of the grounds total 17 per cent of the group's total beer output. If Allied is to maintain or improve its market share as lager consumption grows it will need increased production facilities. Courage is spending £50m on

completely new brewery at sading which will have a A decade ago lager lager-making capability and it accounted for approximately 2 has recently amounced that it per cent of the total United is adding a f4m lager producing Kingdom beer market. By 1971 complex to the John Smiths it had a 10 per cent foothold Brewery at Tadcaster, York-which had signed as 1990. is adding a £4m lager producing complex to the John Smiths Brewery at Tadcaster, York-shire, where it will brew for

Eyebrows were raised only the site of its new north-east three years ago when Bass ern brewery which most in-Charrington suggested that dustry sources believe will have Charrington suggested that dustry sources believe will have lager would take a third of the a capacity to brew lager. Hero marker by the turn of the itself is in the throes of a decade. Today most brewery £13m capital spending programme which is being largely devoted to the increasing of capacity, at its Manchester brewery to about 1.5 million bulk barrels annually.

In South Wales, Whitbread

Many reasons have been in South Wales, Whitbread offered for the rapid rise of is spending over £30m on its lager. It is a "young" drink, new brewery at Magor near preferred by that age group Newport. The group says that with the largest disposable in initially Magor will only brew comes, it is "European" and lager but eventually will just as with volka in the produce top fermented ales as lager but eventually will produce top fermented ales as well. This will probably mean extra investment after the turn of the decade. Watney Mann & Truman

n) It has also lost its original used to have a 49 per cent feminine image and has ceased stake in the Carlsberg brewery

to be available only in bottles. at Northampton. This holding giving Watney not only a pre-Whatever the reasons, the pub-lic increasingly likes lager and United Breweries of Denmark gin gained from brewing it in so do the brewers because it but Carlsberg is still the main Britain as opposed to import-

While Carlsberg is doubling capacity at Northampton to two million hectolitres amusely by 1979, Watney is also seeking exara capacity. It is expecting planning permis-sion for an extension for making lager to its newly modernized Morrleke, south London brewery, and a second extension, also for lager, is on the drawing board. The group has applied for planning permission for an extension to brew

The board of Holsten Distributors, the United Kingdom company which imports Holsten beer from Germany, was recently reconstituted to reflect fully its status as a wholly owned subsidiary of Grand Metropolitan, the Wat-ney Mann & Truman parent. Following that move Holsten will be browed at Mortlake,

lager at the Webster brewery

in Halifax.

ing as do many of the other groups with their premium The recent takeover of the Löwenbrāu marketing agency

in Britain by Allied has left the industry wondering how long it will be before Allied begins brewing that premium brand. Bass Charrington, the lager

market leader with its Carling and Tennents brands, is the only major brewer not investing heavily in lager production capacity. This is not because it has lost faith in the blond beer, merely that it has already invested heavily in capacity sufficient to meet capacity sufficient to me demand well into the 1980s. Indeed, when the Runcorn brewery was built in the early

seventies extra buildings were put up to house new lagerfacilities required. Some of those "holes" are now being equipped at what, to the rest of the industry, must seem very low cost.

built are purely devoted to the growing demand for lager. Many of the small regional brewers are expanding the production of their traditional sales. To them the cost of investing in lager making plant would be prohibitive.

Both the Courage plant at Reading and S & N's planned new brewery in the North-east will be largely ale plants. Yer few people build a brewery without a lager-making facility today, certainly not the com-panies with nationwide coverage. Investment in the next three

years is designed to meet the seemingly inexorable growth in lager plus the expected upturn in total beer demand after the turn of the decade from new gins. While the industry looks forward to a return of volume growth it is still uneasy. If the carefully, and expensively, created lager image crumbles Britain's brewers could be left with a lot of expensive capacity on their hands, and £200m is a large sum even in the is a large sum even in the brewing industry.

1976 RESULTS

The Directors of Gallaher Limited announce the following figures, subject

to audit, in respect of the year ended 31st December, 1976: (All figures in £ millions)

GALLAHER LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES	1976	1975 (Note 1)
GROUP SALES (Note 2) Tobacco - Domestic - Overseas Engineering Optical Distribution	768.9 143.3 47.2 27.9 143.8	654.3 88.8 44.1 24.1 121.1
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GROUP TRADING PROFIT, before Interest Tobacco – Domestic – Overseas Engineering Optical Distribution	29.5 6.4 3.6 4.7 2.6	28.6 3.0 5.7 4.3 2.6
INTEREST CHARGES	46.8 5.7	44.2 7.4
GROUP PROFIT, before taxation TAXATION (Note 3)	41.1 20.8	36.8 18.6
GROUP PROFIT, after taxation MINORITY INTERESTS	20.3 0.2	18.2 0.2.
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS (net of inxation) (Note 4)	20.1 (loss) 0.8	18.0 (profit) 3.4
GROUP PROFIT attributable to ordinary shareholders ORDINARY DIVIDENDS	19.3 1.5	21.4 8.7
PROFIT retained for the year	17.8	12.7
Depreciation charged in arriving at Group Trading Profit	11.0	9.0

NOTES 1. 1975 Profits.

The 1975 figures for Profits have been increased by £366,000, following the adoption of Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 9 whereby all stocks now include production overheads. The surplus arising from this change for periods prior to 1975, amounting to £1,412,000 will be dealt with as a prior year adjustment,

Sales exclude V.A.T. or its equivalent. The comparison for sales of tobacco products has

been largely affected by the tobacco taxation increases included in sales from May 1975 and

Terration.

U.K. Corporation Tax has been provided at a rate of 52%.

4. Extraordinary Items.

The charge arises from the net loss on exchange on conversion of foreign assets and liabilities into Sterling at year-end rates.

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Douglas Allen, head new director. The organization hand at looking for metals, this ivil Service, to do which represents both aches the statutory employers and the unions has settled for an advertizing man.
He is Ian MacArthur, former
Tory MP for Perth & East
Perthshire between 1959 and 1974 and now director of administration with J. Walter

Thompson.
MacArthur's links with the

textile organizations in his former constituency and in his advertizing work. MacArthur has been an opposition spokesman on Scot-

tish affairs and a member of the whip's office He will join the BTC at the the textile industry.

Renegotiation is due in Geneva of the Gatt Multi-Fibre

Renegotiation is due in omen of good luck.

Arrangement, designed to ease trade between the developed and the less developed world. I IIU IIU

Britain and the EEC want big Dr Peter Jost, who is taking changes, although the Ameriover from George Brosen as cans and the Japanese don't president of the Institution of

in new digs

has held the fort.

in the North Sea few people thought that much oil would be found in British offshore

Today he leaves the Shell Textile Confedera- Centre in London and the oil tion in one field of new know- crash of 1973. last found itself a exploration business to try his ledge developed in another, as Bilton feels

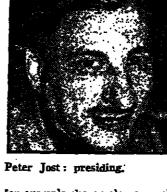
both time for Shell's Billiton subsidiary based in The Hague. Bowen has been responsible for finding six commercial oil-fields for the Shell/Esso group. Without doubt his greatest

achievement was finding the Brent field, the largest oil reservoir in United Kingdom waters, and following this up with a successful bid of £21m MacArthur's links ware textile industry have hitherto with a successful bid or the been restricted to contact with for a nearby block in the British government's oil pro-Bowen admits he spends most

of his time behind a desk at the Shell Centre but he was aboard the rig Staflo when the Brent discovery was made. His subsequent visits into the zation holds its annual general meeting and could hardly come in at a more important rime for

Trib lib

president of the Institution of The BTC has been without a Production Engineers, is the full-time head since the departman who popularized tribology. ture of Clifford Jupp last or the science of lubrication.
summer, although Stuart He chaired the then DepartDouglas, director of the British ment of Trade and Industry's Man-Made Fibres Federation, committee on tribology, whose last report appeared in 1973. The cost of the committee and the subsequent establishment of three tribology research centres enting with worker in the days when, eight years cost about £1.5m in public ago, Myles Bowen took over as money, but the application of Shell's head of oil exploration the new knowledge may have the new knowledge may have saved industry about £300m. Jost, a director of many tech-nology-based companies would aid of open-handed bank-like to see Whitehall more finance, would up in the bank-



for example the employment of the microcomputer in important manufacturing industries.

He would also like to see professional engineering institutions cooperating more than they do, and he cites the cooperation between enigineering's big two, his own IPE and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

New dynasty? Octagenarian Percy Bilton is back in the lime light this year after once more taking over the reins of the industrial property

development group that bears

his name,

After half a century in property Bilton does not have much time for the "whizkids who descended from Mars or Jupiter or somewhere" and who, after building international active in fostering the applica- ruptcy courts in the property Bilton feels that the com-

panies deserved to fail and those now supported by their creditors were a scandal "The banks sent lifeboats out for them: they should have sent frigates and shot the lot". "Experience", he says, is the only really valuable quality for a property man, and in his view after "30 or 40 years' experience you can tell just what value a piece of land has,

because every piece is unique? Suggestions that Bilton is to be bid for by the pension funds and insurance companies that have been willing to put up long-term fixed interest mortgave money for the group are discounted by Bilton. His family and family charity hold a con-trolling shareholding in the company and the abrupt departure of deputy chairman and managing director Bryn Turner-Samuels last year may be seen as a clash of personalities rather than as a deck-cleaning operanon presaging a bid.

Donald Bilton, Percy's son, has now been taken on to the board. Although his interests lie more with the family's farms in South Africa, where his father spends much of the year, than m industrial properties in pritain, his appointment—and news that much of the family holdings are being registered in Jersey-suggest that a Bilton dynasty is planned.

Sir Arthur Cockfield, Price Commission chairman, was gloomy yesterday about inflationary trends in the next few months. He should know. Yesterday's quarterly report from pared with £1.20 in October, a rise of 37.5 per cent, over twice the present rate of inflation.

Index up 9 points and long gilts add £1

In a mood of euphoria, both up at 2 pm, was 9.1 ahead at equities and longer-dated gilts 390.7 by the close.

Stand a strong advance on fur.

Though many gains were staged a strong advance on fur-ther signs that the economy is exaggerated by stock shortages, staged a strong advance on fur-

the Bank of England's release of a further 1 per cent of special deposits and the early exhaustion of the £1,250m " tap". Free from this restraint, there was a brisk demand and, by the close, many stocks were up to a full

McCleery L'Amie shares, now 17p, are starting to attract attention. Assets are 36p a share, and the yield is 16.7 per stare, and the yield is 16.7 per cent on a dividend several times covered. After a big fall in profits in the half year to April 30, 1976, a good secondhalf reecovery should mean annual profits of around £800,000 against £1.1m.

point better with the "tap" itself seven-eights better at

1972.
Things were not so bright, though, at the shorter end.
After a strong start, many stocks were hit by the tight

time it plans to pay an un-changed dividend of DM8.

Siemens' return on sales back to the level of the early 1970s. At 2.9 per cent of world-wide group sales of DM20,700m, the

group's return on sales is appre-

ciably higher than the 2.4 per cent for 1974-75. Earnings then

were burdened by a decision to pay extra funds into pension

reserves in a lump sum rather than over a five-year period as

The dividend payment will cost DM255m against DM240m.

Gutehoffnungshütte, Conti-

Its Chief Executive, Dr Man-

fred Lennings, said in Ober-hausen that turnover in 1976-77 should exceed DM12,000m,

cent to DM11,073 in 1975-76. Sales spurted 25.3 per cent to DM5,793m in the six months to

end December from DM4,622m

GUH group contrasts with a generally sluggish performance in the German machine-building

in the German machine-building industry. While GHH was moving ahead in 1976, production in the machine-building industry as a whole declined 0.1 per cent fast year and was 5.9 per cent below the average is also at 1970.

In the past year GHH con-tinued to cut costs, strength-ened its position on foreign

in the same period.

level of 1970.

permitted by German law.

German GHH

beats the trend

The jump in profits brings

pulling away from its autumn some ran impressively into double figures and were widely spread around the industrial sections. After hours, the White Paper on public expenditure and hints of tax cuts from the Chancellor in Parliament added several more pence to the industrial leaders.

The clearing banks made a comparatively modest response to the deposits release with National Westminster 5p to the good at 237p, Midland 3p better at 285p and Lloyds 2p firmer at ar 285p and Lloyds 2p firmer at 220p. But some of the merchant banks were in good form with Hambros up 5p to 168p, Hill Samuel 4p to 90p, Kleinwort Benson 4p to 96p and Guimess Peat 8p to 173p. After interim figures, Manson Finance dipped 32 p. 32p. Swdpey Commercial 3p to 32p. Sydney Commercial Bank slipped 10p to 135p after

Among the "blue chips", the Antong the State Chips, the strongest performances came from Glaxo 457p and Beecham 414p and both 12p to the good, Unilever which added 10p to 438p, ICI 7p to 360p and BAT

stocks were hit by the tight money conditions and by the end were all square or just a little ahead.

Equities were given an initial boost by Mr Jim Slater's bullish predictions—and helped by the deposits decision and the hope of an MLR cut today—managed to hold on to the best part of the gains. The FT Index, 10.7

Philip Morris

again at peak

Record 1976 revenues and

earnings are reported by Philip Morris Inc., parent company of the Brentford-based Philip

Morris Ltd. The results in 1976 extend the company's record of

revenues and earnings growth

to 23 consecutive years. The growth of both its cigarette and beer operations substantially out-paced the 1976 gains, said Mr Joseph Cullman, chairman.

Overseas

set new records. Revenues were \$1,158.5m, a rise of 19.2 per cent. Earnings for the final quarter were \$67m, a 27.3 per

The chairman added: "The

company's strong performance

volume growth in both cigar-ettes and beer, price increases which offset bigher costs, and

improved production efficien-cies." Bach of the five operating

Schering AG, of Berlin, and Philips' Lamps, of Eindhoven, announce that preliminary dis-

cussions have been going on for

some months for a possible take-over of Philips-Duphar by

Schering. It is expected that negotiations will lead to posi-

Schering-Philips

INCREASED PROFITS AND

* Directors have declared an interim dividend of 8.8% against 8%

last year, equivalent to 1.76p per share compared with 1.60p.

26 weeks

205,7

2.97p

3,4

to 23/10/76

26 weeks

175.8

2.36p

1.60p

to 25/10/75

INCREASED DIVIDEND

* Profit before tax increased to £3.4m, up by 39%.

Copies of the 1977 Interim Report may be obtained from

★ Sales increased by £30m, a rise of 17%.

* Good start to second half year.

SALES

Profit before Taxation

Earnings per ordinary share

Dividend per ordinary share

The Secretary, Fitch Lovell Ltd.,

1 West Smithfield, London EC1A 9LA.

tive results.

Conti- Revenues for the year to largest December 31 reached \$4,293.8m,

cent advance.

Siemens regains better returns

World-wide net profit of Siemens AG jumped to DM606m duction programme. As a in the year to September 30 result, capacity use increased from DM458m, Peter Norman writes from Bonu. At the same

nental Europe's largest per la

The relative success of the companies showed improve-

to be a slight disappointment in AP Cement 4p to 189p, Tarmac electricals and the share were

Up went the profits of Cross-ley Building Products from £463,000 to £584,000 in the half year to June 30 last, and the second six months should have second tix months should have been good enough for yearly profits of around £1.3m, against £1m. With assets of around 84p, the shares at 52p, now yield a prospective 12 per cent. The historical price-earnings ratio is only 5.9.

unmoved at 69p. In contrast, Racal gained 10½p to 282½p, Thorn 6p to 246p, Decca 5p to 178p and GEC 5p to 189p.

In foods, the interest was on British Sugar which rose 15p to 340p after figures and RHM which were unmoved at 46½p after the meeting. Fitch Lovell after the meeting. Fitch Lovell also reported and firmed a penny to 57p while Reckitt & Colman ended 5p to the good

Dunford & Elliott came back after suspension to end at 71p, after 73p, while surprise bidder, Lonrho 3p ahead at 74p and Johnson Firth Brown 2p up at Joinson First Strown 2p up at 63p. Whitecroft added another 3p to 141p in the hope of fur-ther moves, while Standard Trust firmed 41p to 1311p after rejecting BR Pension Fund's approach.

Buildings were again in good

For Schering, a leading chemi-cal pharmaceutical concern, this take-over would lead to an

important strengthening of its marketing and research poten-

tial. For Duphar, it would mean an enlargement of scale essen-tial for continuity.

A substantial improvement in

A substantial improvement in tin prices, the removal of rin quotas and to a lesser extent the Australian devalution boosted profits of Renison in the half-year to December 28.

On sales up 96 per cent to \$A14.7m, net profit soared from \$A27.7000 m \$A4.4.7m. The

\$A877,000 to \$A4.43m. The board says that if the tin metal

price stays at present levels, results for the second-half to end-June should match the opening half.

The interim dividend in turn.

rises from 10 cents to 35 cents.

Commercial Banking Co of Sydney went into a net loss of \$A3.94m in the half to end-

December against a profit of \$A5.89m. This was on revenues down from \$A69.18m to \$52.97m. But the interim divi-

dend is unchanged at 6.5 cents.

Brussels:—Grain production in the EEC is likely to rise to

105m metric tons in 1977 from

near 91.4m tons in 1976, given normal weather conditions, the EEC Commission said in its annual report on the agricultural situation in the EEC.

By 1980 grain production may climb to 110m tons, the report said. Because of the severe

drought during the summer of drought during the summer of 1976, grain production in the EEC fell sharply from 97.2m tons in 1975, also a poor year because of excessive spring rain.

-AP-Dow Jones.

Interim

Report 1977

52 weeks

to 24/4/76

£m.

6.1

359.8

6.06p

5.07p

Sydney bank loss

EEC grain output

Remison takes off on

tin quota removal

4p to 139p and Costain 4p to 152p, all prominent Spurred by interest, oils were again well to the fore. With the help of United States buying BP soared another 40p to a new "high" of 870p with Shell 16p up to 498p and Ultramar 8p ahead to 152p. Charterhall saw some speculative interest and closed

2p better at 24½p.

Tough trading

Watson & Philip

Records nine times in a row

is the proud claim of Scottish based food distributor Watson

& Philip but the peaks are getting closer. It is however hard to quibble because busi-

Turnover rose from £32.7m to £38.4m and pre-tax profits climbed 11 per cent to £864,000.

This compares with the 26 per cent advance to £776,000 the

Net profits moved from £395,000 to £443,000 and earn-

ings a share from an adjusted 5.3p to 5.4p. The total dividend

goes up from the equivalent of 2.8p gross to 3.36p.

Mr H. Philip, chairman, adds that sales in the first 12 weeks of the present year are ahead of the same period in 1975-76. He

is confident that sales gains and recent acquisitions will bring a further profit increase in 1976-77. But he does not quantify the

The group is a cash and carry wholesaler running supermar-kets for small retailers. It came

to market in 1969. Watson then

went from traditional grocery

and confectionery lines into wines and spirits, cigarettes, bardware, electrical goods and

Saatchi Compton

In the 12 months to Sept 30 last, the turnover of the Saatchi and Saatchi Comboton

advertising agency reached f35.22m, compared with

Pre-tax profits climbed to

£976,000, from £806,000, which

represents the combined figures of the two companies—Compton

The gross payment goes up from 5.18p to 5.69p. Saatchi's board reports that,

despite an uncertain economic outlook, it does not expect 1976-77 to be the year in which their combined record of

unbroken growth will falter.

Lonsdale better

Following the sharp fall in profits in the first six months better trading helped industrial

holding company Lonsdale Uni-versal to restrict the drop for the full year to only 10 per cent. This was despite higher

interest costs on a substantial

investment programme.

The preliminary statement for the year to September, 1976, shows pre-tax profits of £914,000 against £1,02m, on sales up from £17.85m to £20.78m.

E17.85m to £20.75m.
Group managing director, Mr
Alan Edwards, said he was
pleased with the 20 per cent
improvement in second-half profitability and trading was now
better than a year ago. "The

better than a year ago. "The former Ryman units are inte-grating very well", he added. The total payment goes up from 5.8p to 6.38p gross.

Ass Engineering

The annual meeting of Asso-ciated Engineering heard that

Mr J. N. Ferguson, chairman

"has good reason to believe"

that pre-tax profits this year to September 30 will be at least £30m. In 1975-76 they were a record £21.9m.

He was amplifying the annual report which said that order books and demand indicated a

The first three months of the

year saw sales and profits in line with budgets. The present order load suggests that this

trend should be maintained. In his report, Mr Ferguson said that immediate prospects

in the United Kingdom did not include a major increase in volume, but world demand for

diesel engine components con-tinued to be strong,

significant increase.

£30m this year

shoots for

in second half

£22.88m

earn, pay more

rate of growth expected.

no bar to

ness is tough.

year before.

Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, BP, Shell, Beecham, BAT Dfd. Burmah, GKN, Town & City, Rank, Lucas, GEC Charter Consolidated, Court-aulds, Grand Metropolitan, Marks & Spencer, Dunford & Elliott, Whitecroft, Hanson Trust, Trust Houses Forte, International Computers, MEPC and Reyrolle Parsons.

Latest dividends

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Company	Ord		Pav	Year's	Prev
(and par value)	div	220	date		
Abbey (25a) Int	0.48	0.32	7.3	'	0.64
Albion (20p) Fin	Nil	1 76		Nil	2.06
Albion (20p) Fin W. G. Allen (25p) Int	0.86	0.86	31/3		2.52
Allied Textiles (25p)	3.5	3.22	2/4		5.27
Brit Sugar (£1) Fin	4.64	4.22		9.29	
Cantors (20p) Int	0.75	0.75	4/5	_	1.81
Daejan Hidgs (25p) Int	1.14		5/4	_	2.93
Diamond Stylus (10p) Int	0.37	0.34		_	0.8
Edinburgh Amen (25p) Fin	0.9	0.75±	11 4	0.9	0.75+
Fitch Lovell (20b) Int	1 14	1 04	21.2	_	3.29
Howard Machinery (25p) Fin	1.18	1.08	1/3	2.23	2.03
inchcape (51) Int	6.82	3.9	2:4		7.51
Y. J. Lovell (25p) Lohsdale Unives! (25p) Fin	3.48	2.11		3.48	2,11
Lohsdale Univest (25p) Fin	2.88.	2.62	1/4	4.14	3.77
· Manson Finance (20p) Int	1.0	1.5	25./2	2.75*	3.25
Midland Trust (25p) Int	1.2	1.1	7/3	_	3.0
Midland Trust (25p) Int Pleasurama (5p) Fin	1.14	0.98		1.81	1.65
Plessey (£1) Sec. Int	2.2	2.0	1/7	_	4.4
Radley Fastions (25p) Int	1.31	1.31+	5/4	_	1.93†
Saatchi & Saatchi (10p) Fin	2.7	2.47	7/4	3.7	3.37
R. Smallshaw (10p) Fin	1.0	0.5		1.0	0.5
David S. Smith (20p) Int	1.1	1.0	11 /3		2.16
Vanguard High Yield Int.	1.6	1.1	12/3		· -
Watson & Philip (10p)	1.48	1.35	14/3	2.18	1.82÷
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Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Forecast rate. † Adjusted for scrip. ‡ For 13½ months period.

A big comeback for **Allied Textiles**

By Adrienne Gleeson

Pre-tax profits of Allied Textiles made a big comeback in the year to September 30. They soared from £1.48m to £2.16m. This reflects some first half growth and more second half recovery, and was achieved despite a small decline in turnover. It slipped to £23.69m from £24.91m, and reflected "the elimination of significant areas of marginal trading".

Last year's improvement left profits just short of the record achieved in 1972-73; and the directors are now, according to managing director. Mr Charles Russell Smith, looking for fur-

ther progress.

continued its programme of reequipment and that considerable progress has been made in bringing modernized capital intensive plant to high levels of

efficiency. With cash flow improving along with profits, and a big increase in stocks financed out of debtors and creditors, the balance sheet shows a big build-

up of liquidity.

Net borrowings of £720,000 at end September, 1975, had changed into net cash of £710,000 by the 1976 balance sheet date, and cash in hand amounted to £1.21m.

managing director. Mr Charles
Russell Smith, looking for furher progress.

He says that the group has by earnings.

Bumper year sees Y J Lovell top £2.5m

Despite depression in construction and the cost of setting up operations overseas, pre-tax profits of Y. J. Lovell (Holdings), the builder, developer as forecast, is raised with the cost of setting vigorous and successful. Earnings a share moved from 10.4p to 10.7p and the dividend, as forecast, is raised with the year to September 30. Turn-over went up from £39.5m to £47.3m. The results are in line with the indications at half time, and reflect the policy of struction and allied activities. In 1977, despite expectations

eight rights issue last July.

Pre-tax profits from building and allied trades fell from f918,000 to £870,000, but those from timber rose from £436,000 to £632,000. The other £23,000 against £8,000 came from the

changed interim dividend of 2p gross is now declared.

Interim rise at

David S. Smith

Maintaining the progress of

recent years, pre-tax profits of David S. Smith (Holdings) climbed from £376,000 to

£615,000 in the six months to October 31. Sales jumped from £2.22m to £3.09m.

to 5.5p a share and the interim dividend rises from 1.53p gross

man, says that changing econo-

ing more difficult.

Fresh turn in battle

The battle for control of Walthamsrow Stadium, thought

to be closed a week ago, took a new twist in the Chancery

Division. A temporary injunc-

tion ex parte was granted until Tuesday. This was on the application by counsel for Mrs Irene Owens (nee Chandler)

restraining any dealings regarding the GRA Property holding in the stadium. A spokesman said that Mrs

spokesman said that Mrs Owens maintains that under

provisions of the company's

Earnings went up from 3.30

But Mr David S. Smith, chair-

of continuing recession in con-struction, "the board is confi-debenture stock.

made enough money in the six months to eliminate deficit of the first half is apparently could have higher, and the division needs attention. The grow.

ports that its productivity is a lot to be desired. A lot yet to do Order books are good and the second-half figures should be the same.

Quaintly, York (engineering and railway to stock) decided yesterday explain Wednesday's news£171,000 fall to £443,000 in

mic conditions, and pressure from customers seeking econo-Assets. Mr L. M. James, the c mies to offset continuing in-creases in costs, make forecast-The group is equipped to meet changing demands but margins "may well be affected during the second half of the Buckley has resigned as

Mortgage Investment Trust provided against a deposit v Guernsey Finance. But the n

ing the going tough.
Sadly, the half year worse than feared. More p sions were needed and Mari is still losing money. How management and policy undergone drastic changes A further large loss will

articles she is the highest bidder for the shares and therefore entitled to have these transferred to her. in Maurice James offices expenses are down. Pr should reappear in 1977-78 The 33 per cent stake held by GRA had been reported sold to rival members of the Chandler family connected with the existing management.

Greenall Whitley Sales to date are encourag-

ing at Greenall Whitley the Warrington-based brewery group. Mr Christopher Hatton, Warrington-based the chairman, notes in his annual report that the group's efforts to boost sales bore fruit last year, and the board is budgeting for further growth in

Pre-tax profits for the year to September 24 went up from £5.9m to a record £8.6m, on turnover of £85.2m against £69.4m.

Setback for Cantors Cantors is in retreat. After

a leap in interest charges from £33,000 to £137,000 pre-tax pro-fits dropped from a record £276,000 to £84,000 in the six months to October 30. Turnover of this retailer of general house furnishings, carpets and bedding rose from £6.06m to £7.34m. Earnings a share came out at 1.27p against 2.03p. But the dividend is 1.15p gross again.

of 61 pc puts shares higher After a big turnround in ...

Howard rise

first half year, growth at a cultural equipment manuf turer Howard Machinery 1 pedestrian in the second months to October 31. All same, pre-tax profits for year soared 61 per cent fr £2.03m to £3.26m. The shares rose 3p yester

to 46p to yield 7.4 per cent final gross dividend of 1.83 share is recommended to m 3.45p gross.

The keys to Howard's gress are the overseas operat and the Howard Rotavi plants in Britain which h undergone extensive reorgan

Foreign subsidiaries pus up their sales by 44 per cen account for nearly half t sales of £69.3m compared

Particularly strong perfi ances came from France. Germany and, to a lesser ex-Italy. The French business. ted the year strongly but wa then by summer drought. I now business is still slack pared with a year ago. Sales in the United King and exports from the Un Kingdom both showed 15 cent gains but the trouble. Howard Rotavator are evid holding performance back:

Although Howard Rotan

before York is out of Wood?

and pre-tax losses of £15 against profits of £52,000 is six months to September 3 York is the old Mar. which once had a big S Walker presence. It now ha wherein Mr Olives Jessel 1: wherein Mr Olives Jessel 1: terested, and 27 per cen Maurice James Holdings. itself is around 17 per owned by London & Euro

man, who also heads Mai James, reports that Mr M. F. tor and that Maurice A. Holdings has 16.1 per out

The half year was not a to be a good one. The grahad sold investments in Lan Securities, Insurance Gene subsidiary Marcroft was f

made in the six month
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London can be disposed
York is now run from Cross York is now run from Cov

Good start giv

Borthwick boo Up went the shares of trader Thomas Borthwick

89p on news of a good quarter and continuing rui of a bid for FMC. Dr William Bullen, chail told the annual meeting sales and profits for the quarter of the year to Se ber were "comfortably". of the same period. But is tough in many parts world, he told shareholder Whether this profit sure tinues has to be seen. How he looks to profits com favourably with last £8.03m before tax, which pared with a forecast 572.

pared with a forecast 1/2.

The chairman viewed board's policy as broadenil profit base and smoothin the profit swings of the national meat business.

In November the gained a contract worth film for the sale of Austract and English

meat to the Soviet Union was the second Soviet col since the group began 6 directly to the official

Commodity

and timber importer, rose from Treasury consent, from 3.24p £1.36m to a record £1.52m in gross to 5.35p. The forecast the year to September 30. Turn-came with the group's one-for-

Pleasurama up 38 pc to peak

Including £96,000 from recently-acquired Templelock, which runs the A. M. Casino in Mayfair, the second-half profits of Pleasurama jumped 45.5 per cent to £767,000. So pre-tax profits for the year to September 30 were £966,000, a rise of 38 per cent on lest wear's record. per cent on last year's record. Leaving aside Templelock, the

pre-tax profits of this entertainment and amusements group rose 24 per cent to £870,000.
Turnover went up 23 per cent

Net profits jumped from £300,000 to £417,000 and up goes the dividend from 2.54p gross to 2.78p. Earnings a share were 6.6p against 4.8p.

The board says that the group's 25 per cent interest in Mayfair Casinos, owner of the Casanova Club, in Grosvenor Street, continues to be treated as a trade investment; its profits have not been consoli-

W. G. Allen optimistic Even though the business at the W. G. Allen & Sons (Tip-ton) engineering group is seasonal, the board is confident.

Pre-tax profits rose 7.7 per cent to £235,000 in the six months to September 30. Sales climbed from £2.42m to £2.73m. The dividend is 1.33p gross again. The directors expect profits for the full year "at least" to equal the record £559,000 achieved over the whole of 1975-76. If so, a maximum dividend will be paid.

House of Sears is suspended

The House of Sears has sked Barclays Bank to asked appoint a receiver. Stock-Exchange listing has been suspended temporarily at the group's request pending clari-fication of its position. Partners and Saatchi and Saatchi They merged in 1976 to form the present group.

In November this maker of leisure garments reported a fall in turnover from £964,000 to £863,000 for the year to June 30. But pre-tax loss also went down from £166,000 to £98,000.

Abbey leaps 114 pc in first half

'A 114 per cent jump in pretax profits to £472,000 is the good news from Dublin-based industrial holding group, Abbey. In the six months to October 31 turnover rose from £8.86m to £10.8m. The dividend goes up from 0.32p to 0.48p.

The group continues to reduce borrowings. The board reviewed the value of development land at October 31, and it is satisfied that no further provisions against book value are

EEC dept looks at Lourho-Dunford bid The Stock Exchange has re-

stored the listing of Dunford & Elliott's shares. This follows the agreed 70p cash bid from Lonrho. In Brussels the European Community's Anti-Trust Department is looking at the

Williams & Glyn's in \$30m note issue

Williams & Glyn's Bank, part of the National and Commercial Banking Group, has become the latest of the British clearing banks to raise new capital in the Euromarkets. It is seeking \$30m through a floating rate note issue lead managed by Kidder

Peabody International. The seven year notes will carry interest at 4 per cent over the six month Eurodollar interbank rate, with a minimum coupon of 61 per cent. Co-managers are Credit Suisse-White Weld, Berliner Handels und Frankfurter Bank, Kredietbank Luxembourgeoise, Union Bank of Switzerland (Securi-ties) and Williams Glyn. The broker is Panmure Gordon. For its size, Williams &

Glyn's has always been an active bank in the international

markets, although recently its growth has been more subdued relative to its partner in the

National and Commercial Group, Royal Bank of Scotland. This largely reflects the depre-ciation of the pound.

Share deals

The following share deals

Mr Joseph Rank, chairman of McDougail: Hovis new bid but a challenge on fair competition grounds is thought

results are "just ahead"

The commission has just for Walthamstow mushed

Dunford. It found that the bid would form the largest private special steels group in Britain but "active competition" would come from other producers, par-ticularly British Steel Corpora-

Meanwhile, Lonrho has acquired 1.84m shares of Dunford at 71½p a share, and 1.026m pref shares at 202½p. These two transactions taken together represent 24.98 per together represent 24.98 per cent o fthe votes,

Bread profits hit at Ranks Hovis " Problems " in the UK bread

industry have already hit profits of Ranks Hovis McDougall's bakery division—Mr Joseph Rank, the chairman, told yesterday's annual meeting. But trading results so far this year are "just ahead" of 1976. He felt that a forecast against

a background of rising costs would be imprudent. Much will depend on adequate prices in all sectors of the group. In the year to September 4, Ranks Hovis made pre-tax profits of £39.8m against £27.1m on sales of £921m, against £793m.

Radley Fashions

After the sharp fall in 1975-76, Radley Fashions and Textiles is fighting back.
In the half year to October 19, pre-tax profits reached £124,000 on a turnover of £2.23m. These compare with pre-tax profts of £86,000 and a turn-over of £1.76m in the half year to August 31, 1975.

In the 13; months to April 19, 1976, pre-tax profits slumped to £99,000, against the previous

Clearing banks have been raising funds in the Eurobond market partly to build up their overall capital resources and partly to buttress their dollar

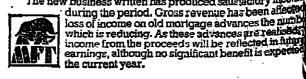
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WHITECROFT CHILD.—James Capel has
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payment of a final dividend at the same rate as last year (1.75 per The new ousiness written has produced salisfactory income



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Deborah 171% CULS	110	-1	17.5	15.9	
Henry Sykes	49	+1	2.2	4.5	5.7
James Burrough	66	+1	6.0	9.1	10.5
Robert Jenkins	209	_	25.0	12.0	4.7
Twinlock Ord	13		_	_	_
Twinlock 12% ULS	54	_	12.0	22.2	_
Unilock Holdings	52	_	6.1	11.7	6.5
Walter Alexander	68	_	5.8	8.5	7.6

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ollowing the opening of new offices e existing address, our telephone number change on Monday 31 January 1977 to

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Sales: 4.895 iots including 1 option. ICO prices: daily 167.67c: 15-day average 180.62c i United States cents per 10). SUGAR futures were steady.—The Londom daily price of "raws" was muchanged at \$126; the "whites" was muchanged at \$126; the "whites" was price was £1 down at £148.—March. £133.45-35.50 per metric ion: Mag. £136.25-36.50; Ang. £126.75-27.00; Oct. £138.50-39.00; Deck. £138.50-30.00; Ed. £138.50-30.00; S. £13 Foreign

Sterling and the US dollar were traded within narrow margins in European currency trading while the Canadian dollar was subject to wide exchange movements after new concern over the Quebec separatist situation.

Sterling closed at \$1.7170 against the US dollar to show a net fall of 15 points but was still largely pegged by Bank of England intervention, dealers said. peggra by Bank of England in-terrention, dealers said.

The UK central bank again sig-nalled, during domestic money market operations, that it wishes to restrain the current decline in London interest rates to a mod-

London interest rates to a moderate pace.

Dealers said continued inflows of foreign funds are clearly leading to a decline in rates at a faster pace than the Bank originally envisaged.

A recent record £1,250m Government bond was sold out in giltedged trading vesterday with much of the stock finishing up in foreign hands, dealers thought.

The pound's effective rate was held unchanged at 42.5 per cent. Gold closed unchanged on the day, at \$132,375.

Spot Position of Sterling

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SCOTTISH AMERICAN Scottish American Investment proposes to repay its preference capital. Terms: for each £1 4 per cent stock, 37.50 cash and for each 10 per cent preference share, 93.6p casb.

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Exchange

Lending by the Bank of England to the discount market yesterday hit a new record for the second day tunning as the Bank put up another signal that it desires to see moderation in the decline in see moderation in the decline in interest rates. The actual figure for the lending is never revealed, but some sources have been speculating that it may well have reached the £1,000m level in the past day or two.

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Wall Street

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 3.99 points to 954.54. Declining issues broadly out-numbered gainers by about 960 to 485. Volume totalled 24,360,000 shares, down from 27,840,000 shares Wednesday.

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The Bank lent a very large sum for seven days at MLR (134 per cent)—this was the "moderation" signal reinforcing similar action taken on Wednesday. The Bank also lent an exceptionally large sum overnight at MLR for technical reasons. In each case, 10 or 11 houses participated in this borrowing.

In addition the Bank bought a small quantity of Treasury hills from banks and houses.

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The houses made little progress in the open market against the 18-20 per cent level that ruled for most of the day in the interbank market. However, they were able to close their books within a band of 12½ per cent to 13½ per cent.

Discount market

Money Market Rates

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Treasury 13-6: 1983 (1986)

Bid Offer Yield Bid Offer Trust

Pirst Class Finance Houses (Mrt. Rate%)
months 12% 6 months 12%

Finance House Base Rate 15%

New York, Jan 27.—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange were broadly lower at the close of Thursday's session.

In economic news, United States retail sales rose I per cent last week and were 7 per cent higher than a year earlier. The year-to-year gain trailed that of the previous four weeks.

Silver down 8.50c

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Sept. 69.10c; Dec, 70.10c; Jan., 70.10c; Oct. 70.10c. COTTON futures closed 0.95 to 0.45-cent higher March, 74.05-15c; May, 74.00-10c; July, 74.00c; Oct. 69.50-50c; Dec. 65.65-90c; March, 65.10-50c; May, 66.80c bid; July, 66.90-SUGAR. Putures in No 11 contract SUGAR. Putures in No 11 contract Soc; July 9.22-21; Sept. 9.22-19; Soc; July 9.22-21; Sept. 9.22-19; July 9.21-20; Jan. 9.20-30; March. 18, 50; May 9.30-49c. Spot. 8.86c. Dec. 141.56c; March, 130.50c nominal; May, 132.00c nominal; Joons, Ghans, 187°sc; Bahia, 187°sc.

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Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot., 1.7165 (1.7195); three months, 1.6858 (1.6870); Canadian dollar. 97.86 (1.9836). The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up 1.25 to 389.24. The futures index was up .44 to 382.78. The Dow Jones averages.—Indus-

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Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

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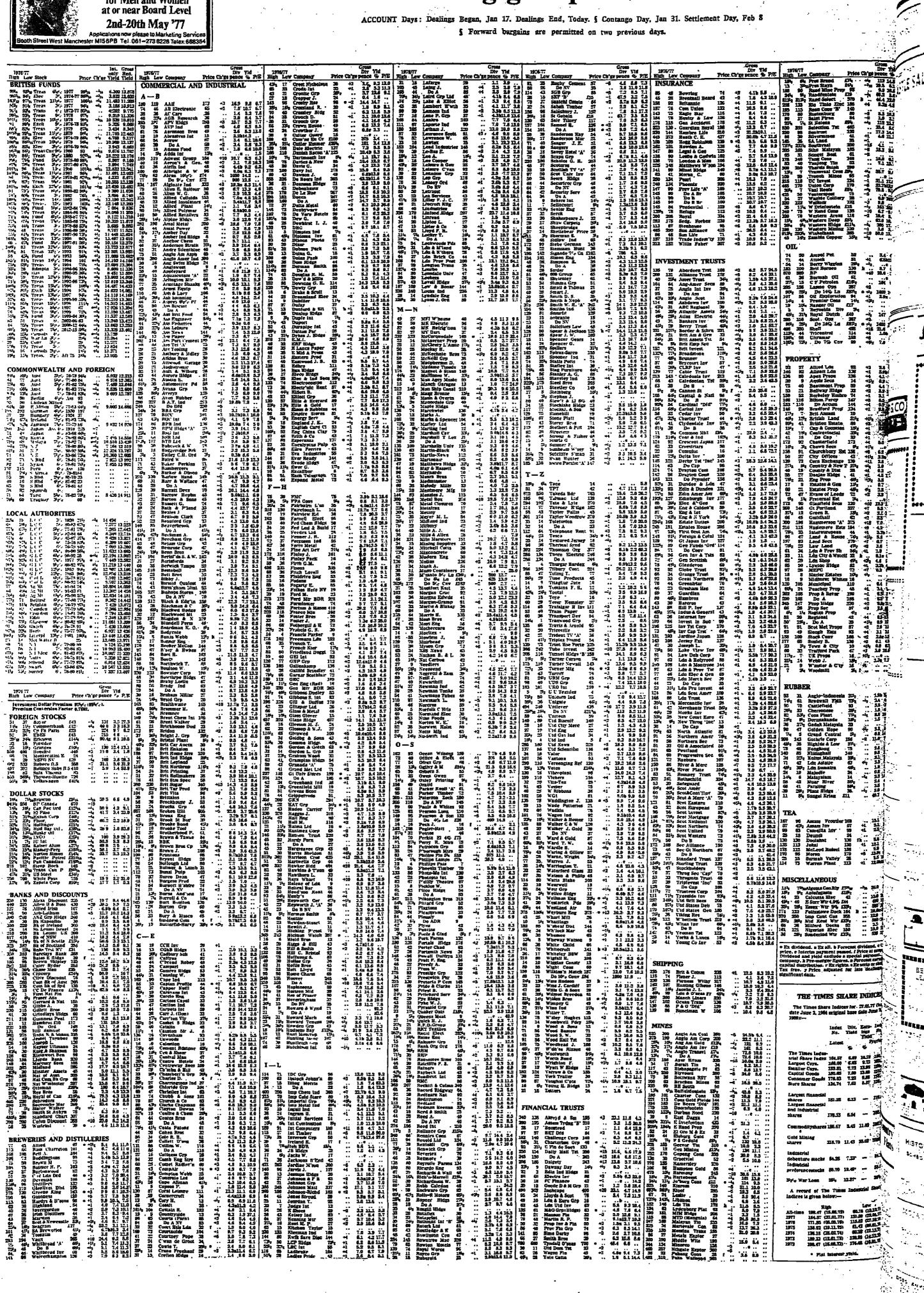
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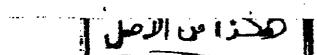
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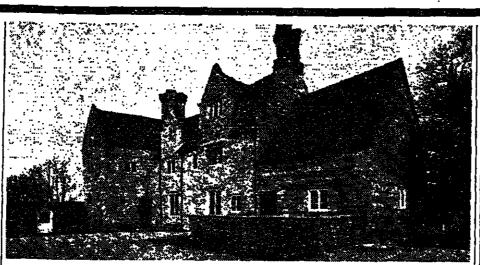
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Bated this 20th day of January, 1977.

N. B. CORK,

No. 002997 of 1976
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In the Matter of SELLING SELLERS Ligited
By Order of the HIGH COURT
dated the 20th day of August, 1970.
MR HARRY PULLAN, F.G.A. of
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Street, London, W.G.I. has been
appointed LIGUIDATOR of the
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COMMITTEE of RESPECTION
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in the Notter of FENTRICK Limited and in the Matter of The Companies and 1948 Matter of The Companies and 1948 Matter of The Companies NOTICE is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 19th day of January 1977 presented to the said Court by Superiamb Metalite Limited, whose Registered to the said Court by Superiamb Metalite Limited, whose Registered House, 62 Landon Part of Superiamb Metalite, 62 Landon Part of Court of Mindely the 21st day of February 1977 and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desireus to monday the 21st day of February 1977 and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desireus to the said Company desireus to purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the required Court in the Said Company Requiring such copy on payment of the required Court in the Said Company of the Said Company of the Said Company (Said Court of the Said Company of the Said Company of the Petition Will be furnished by the Indeed Court of the Said Company of the Said Court of Said Petition must be signed by the person or firm of his of their Said Court of Said Court of the Said Court of Said

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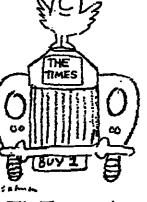
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Dated this 24th day of January 1971 OHN B. KEVILL & SON.

JOHN B. KEVILL & SON. 52 St. Thomas's Road Chor-ley, Lancashire. Solicitors to the said Administrators. No. 003082 of 1976
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Member of public can bring action without Attorney General's consent Gouriet v Union of Post Office Workers and others Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Ormicod Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Ormicod The Colls, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Ormicod Court of Appe. Court of App

The Court of Appeal, giving reserved judgments on questions of major constitutional importance, declined to follow the long accepted practice that a member of the public cannot bring an action in the civil courts to restrain a threatened breach of the criminal law unless the Attorney General, in the exercise of his discretion, gives his consent to the course against at large.

At 12.45 pm on the Friday the Attorney General was asked for his consent. At 3.32 pm he refused, saying: "Having constitution including the public interest, I have come to the conclusion that in relation to this application I should not give my consent." Thereupon Mr Gouriet issued a writ in his own name against nal law unless the Attorney General, in the exercise of his discretion, gives his consent to a relator action.

In the first case in which the question has been directly in issue, their Lordships granted a declaration to a plaintiff, Mr John Gouriet, secretary of the National Association for Freedom, that not-withstanding the refusal of the Attorney General's consent to his bringing an action to restrain the Union of Post Office Workers and

said that on January 15 an ordinary citizen came to the court, on behalf, he said of the public at large. He said that a rowerful trade union was break-ng the law and would go on breaking it. and asked for an order restraining them from doing so. The court made the order—in the very words of a statute of the realm. The order was effective. The union, to their credit, obeyed it. There had been no trouble. The breach of the law had been averted.
Yet on January 18 the
Attorney General had come before the court, and speaking with all the great authority of his wifice, be had rebuked the court. He had told their Lordships that

they had no jurisdiction to make the order, no right to do it with-out his consent; and that he had refused his consent. It was for him—and for him alone—to de-cide whether the union should be restrained from breaking the law. and that he was going to do noth-ing to stop it. He was not going ing to stop it. He was not going to make any application to the court. And no member of the public could come either.

That, to his Lordship's mind, was contrary to the whole spirit of the law of England. The courts were open to every citizen who were open to every citizen who came and complained that the law came and complained that the law was being broken. So long as he had a proper case for consideration, the courts would hear it. No one should forbid him access. He was not to be turned away on some technical objection about locus standi. That was why the " locus standi. That was why the court had heard Mr Blackburn IR v Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Ex parte Blackburn [1968] 2 QB 1181, when he com-plained that the commissioner was not enforcing the law as he should casting Authority was about to fall in its statutory duties ([1973] QB 629). That was why the court had heard Mr Gouriet. Yet the submission had been made; and the matter was of such

that it had to be examined in detail. It arose out of events in South Africa. It had great prob-lems. The handling of the problem of the organization of labour in trade unions by the South African government had come under criticism by the inter-national trade union organization. They launched a campaign of protest against South Africa and called on the trade unions of other countries to support it for "international solidarity."

Trade union leaders in England responded, and asked their unions to boycott all dealings with South Africa for one week, from midnight on Sunday, January 16. The Union of Post Office Workers determined to impose a howcott

determined to impose a boycott of all communications between this country and South Africa. It was all done very quickly without consulting the workers and before The time table was that on Thursday, January 13, the UPW executive unanimously decided to impose a boycott. They knew that it might possibly be illegal; yet it must be inferred from the evidence—not contradicted—that they decided to do it. On that very evening it was reported on the nine o'clock news reported on the nine o'clock news bulletin that the union executive had resolved to call on their members to inverfere with the pussage of mail in the course of transmission by post between South Africa and England and Wales. Immediately afterwards the general secretary spoke on television. It was put to him that the action was in fact illegal. He replied that the matter had never been tested in the courts, and that the laws relating to it dated from the laws relating to it dated from Queen Anne and were more appropriate for dealing with high-wavmen and footpads.

The next day The Times carried a report "With unanimous

The next day The Times carried a report: "With unanimous resolve, the 31 members of the executive of the Union of Post Office Workers decided yesterday to brave possible legal action under the Post Office Act and boycott all telephone calls, mail and telegrams to South Africa next week. Their action, taken in response to a call for "internext week. Their action, taken in response to a call for 'international solidarity' from the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, is being followed by other unions who hope to influence apartheid policy. . . . The Post Office Engineering Union said it would instruct its response of the property of the pr members not to provide or main-tain circuits to the country except in a matter of 'life or death' The court knew nothing of the National Association for Preedom except that it had a secretary, Mr Gouriet. It was said by its critics to be a right wing prescritics to be a right wing pressure group; but that was no concern of their Lordships. On the Friday morning Mr Gouriet consulted lawyers to see if the union's action was lawful or not; and if it was unlawful, whether anything could be done to stop it. If the Attorney General took action himself, it would be whet was called an action ex officio, in which he would put the woole weight of his office and authority behind it. If he did not but gave his consent for Mr Gouriet to take

writ in his own name against the union, asking for an injunc-tion to restrain it from breaking the law. He applied to Mr Justice Stocker in chambers for an injunction. It was refused. Next day Mr Gouriet appealed to their Lordships' court. The court granted an injunction which the union had obeyed. So the proposed boycott did not take place. ping an action to restrain the posed object that but have passed on the Post Office Workers and Post Office Engineering the question: Suppose a trade union or its officers called upon the workers in the Post Office to alling for a boycott on mail detain or delay any letters addressouth Africa, he was entitled sed to a named firm or to a named received with the action. The Workers Union from committing breaches of the Post Office Acts. by calling for a boycott on mail to South Africa, he was entitled to proceed with the action. The form of the declaration is subject to revision when the parties have had an opportunity to consider its terms and submit them to the court.

Mr George Newman for Mr Gouriet; Mr Mark Saville, QC. with Mr Ian Hunter for the Union of Post Office Workers and with Mr John Veeder for the Post Office Engineering Union; the Attorney General, Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, with Mr Harry Woolf in his own behalf.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that on January 15 an ordinary citizen came to the court, on behalf, he said, of the public at large. He said that a

footpads".

Since doubts had been expressed in such high quarters, his Lordship must say, as firmly as he could, that if a trade union or its officers gave such a call to its workers, it would be acting unlawfully. It mattered not that the call was in contemplation or furtherance of a "trade dispute".

Maybe it was, maybe not. No matter The very call so he workers. would be a criminal offence by the union and its officers, and every worker who obeyed it would himself be guilty of a criminal offence. The union itself could be prosecuted in the criminal courts in its

own name: section 2(1)(d) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974. Its officers could be prosecuted too; so could each one of the workers. The prosecution could be undertaken by the police or by any private citizen. If it was proceeded with no one could stop it except the Attorney General by entering a nolle prosequi—that he was not willing that the prosecution should continue: continue: though his Lordship could not imagine him doing that

could not imagine him doing that in any such case—at any rate not if he was doing his duty.

It had been suggested that the offence was fitted only for the days of Queen Anne. Parliament itself had given the answer. The offence, it was true, dated back to 1710, when the General Post. Office was first established. A statute passed in that year made it an offence wilfully to detain or delay any postal letter or packet. The penalty was £20—about £500 now. It could be recovered by any informer by action or information in the civil courts. Moreover, any worker in the Post Office so offending lost his job; and he was debarred for ever from being employed by the Post Office. They were pretty strict in those days. Since that time Parliament had reenacted the law in virtually the same works but altering days. Since that time Parliament had reenacted the law in virtually the same words, but altering the penalties, making them simply imprisonment or fine. The law had been reenacted by Post Office Acts in the days of coaches and horses in 1837, of railway trains in 1908, of motor cars in 1953, and of aircraft in 1969. The modern language was in section 58 of the Post Office Act, 1953, as amended: "If any person engaged in the business of the Post Office Authority, contrary to his duty... wilfully detains or delays, or procures or suffers to be detained or delayed, any postal packet in the course of transmission by post, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to a fine, or both "Section 68 exist." If

ceeding two years, or to a fine, or both ". Section 68 said: "If any person solicits or endeavours to procure any other person to commit such an offence, . . . he commit such an offence, . . . he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years ". Those enactments were so clear that his Lordship saw no reason for anyone to require the position to be tested in the courts. If the union or its officers asked a lawyer's advice the anyone to the same have yer's advice, the answer must have been: "You cannot do it. It is contrary to law". One word should be added about a "trade dispute". If the union or its officers made the call union or its officers made the call in contemplation or furtherance of a "trade dispute" they could not be sued in tort. No private individual could sue them in respect of his private rights either for damages or for an injunction; section 14 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act. But that would not relieve the section the section that the section that

section 14 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act. But that would not relieve the union or its officers or the workers in the slightest degree of their responsibility before the criminal law.

It had been half suggested that the present dispute might be a "trade dispute". That would not bear examilation for one moment. It was not a dispute "between employers and workers, or between employers and workers "within section 29. It was a dispute tetween the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the South African Government, which would not affect the workers in Great Britain in the slightest.

There was one interesting sidelight about other vital industries. In 1875 Parkament put the workers in gas or water works on the same footing as Post Office workers. They were guilty of a triminal offence if they did anything wilfully to deprive people of their gas or water supplies; the same also applied to electricity workers under the Electricity (Supply) Act 1919. The provisions as to gas, water and electricity had been repealed by the Industrial Relations Act 1971. Schedule 9. But the provisions as to Post Office workers might think

Post Office workers might think that that was unfair discrimination against them by Parliament. If workers could deprive the public of their gas, water or electricity without being subjected to the penalties of the criminal law, why should not Post Office workers also be at liberty to deprive the public of their postal services?

The answer was that Parliament had not thought fit to do so. It Post Office workers might think behind it. If he did not but gave his consent for Mr Gouriet to take action—his flat, as lawyers called t—the action would be what was called a "relator action"—an action by the Attorney Ceneral or, more understandably, on the information given by Mr Gouriet.

In that case the Attorney would light that law was repeated by Parliament that the law was that Parliament that not thought fit to do so. It had reaffirmed the law as it had not thought fit to do so. It had reaffirmed the law as it had reaffirmed for the last 265 years so that if any Post Office employee wilfully delayed or derained a unit for thought fit to do so. It had not thought fit had not thought fit had not thought fit had liament the Union of Post Office were, or at least outline them In that case the Attorney would liament the Union of Post Office himself, in strictness of law, be the party to the suit, but Mr Gouriet would be "the life of the suit": Calvert on Parties (1843, p 398). If it failed Mr Gouriet came to court as one of the public at large, not Gouriet would be liable to pay as a man who had suffered or stances existed, the possibility of

surier greater damage or incon-venience from the boycott than the generality of the public—for in-stance a businessman who had to exercise an option in South Africa by January 19 and was prevented by the boycott from doing so or

a father who wanted to cable money to his son in South Africa to pay for medical attention—such a person would, under our law, in the ordinary way, have a standin the ordinary way, have a standing of his own to come to the court to complain of a tort, a wrong to him personally. But in the present case he would be met by a formidable objection, as Mr Saville had explained. He would find his complaint blocked by section 14 of the 1974 Act. That section gave a great immunity to a trade union: It could not be sued in tort either for damages for a wrong already committed, or for an injunction to prevent wrongs about to be committed.

So great was that immunity and

So great was that immunity and so formidable that objection that Mr Newman, for Mr Gouriet, did not put forward anyone as plaintiff who had suffered or would special damage from the boycott. He put forward Mr Gouriet as simply one citizen out of many who would be adversely affected by the boycott, just the same as everyone else. If he wished to communicate with anyone in South Africa during the week the boycott would prevent him. Mr Newman had pointed out

Mr Newman had pointed out another objection. He gave an account of a case last November when the Union of Post Office Workers imposed a boycott on all mail to and from a mail order firm. The firm was suffering special damage and brought an action against the union to stop it. Within four days the union settled the case with the company, leaving itself free to impose a boycott in other cases. Mr Newman did not want the present case to go off like that one, because he was here concerned for the public at large and not for any one individual.

The law had provided a special The law had provided a special machinery for the protection of the public at large. It shunned the thought of every one of the public being able himself to bring an action. That would be highly inconvenient. So it had laid down that whenever the sixty of the convenient of the state of the s that whenever the rights of the public at large were affected, the

proper person to sue in respect of the public interest was the Attorney General himself. The correct course was for the com-plainant to lay the matter before the Attorney and ask for his con-sent to bring a relator action. In every case in the books so far there had been no difficulty about getting the consent where there was a sufficient public interest to be considered. The present was the first where he had refused his importance.

It was clear that in granting his

flat the Attorney had a discretion. It had been said that it was absolute; but as his Lordship read absolute; but as his Lordship read the books, the paramount consideration for the Attorney was that the law should be observed and respected. That was what had been said nearly a hundred years ago by Lord Justice Baggallay—who had himself been a law officer—in Attorney General v. Great Eastern Railway Co. ((1879) 11 ChD 449, 500): "It is the interest of the public that the law should in all respects be respected and observed, and if the law is transgressed or threatened to be transgressed or threatened to be transgressed . . . it is the duty of the Attorney General to take the necessary steps to enforce it, nor does it make any difference whether he sues ev officio, or at the instance of relators. In doing his duty, the Attorney should not allow himself to be influenced by the merits or demerits of the particular relator; it was not his interest but that of the public at large which was in

the public at large which was in question. The relator might be acting as a member of a pressure group of whom the Attorney disapproved; but that was immaterial. If there was a public interest sufficiently serious to need protection, he should give his consent.

No doubt the Attorney might consider what his producessors consider what his predecessors had done in similar cases, and also the repercussions that might follow his decision. On that he might consult his colleagues in the government who might be better informed than he. They might have confidential information of which he ought to be aware. But he must not let his decision he must not let his decision be directed by them. He must make up his mind himself. But he must remember that he must rigor-ously exclude any advantage or disadvantage that might assist or beset his own policical party as a result of his decision. That might be difficult, since he was, as the Attorney had told the court, a "political animal". But still he

Attorney had told the court, a "political animal". But still he must do it.

It had been submitted that the Attorney General's discretion was absolute and would not be inquired into by the courts. His Lordship agreed with that when he had exercised it by granting his consent to his name being used. Even if he gave his consent in a trifling or unsuitable matter the courts would not review it—as had been made clear by Lord Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, in his oft quotee dictum in Attorney General v London County Council ([1902] AC 165, 168).

That dictum, however, did not cover a case where the consent had been refused. His Lordship was sure that Lord Halsbury did not have such a case in mind, for the simple reason that it had never arisen for consideration until now. So it fell to their Lordships' court to consider it. The Attorney had said that when he refused his consent, his refusal was final. It could not be overridden by the courts. He was answerable to Parliament and to Parliament alone. He declined even to give his reasons for his refusal.

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his reasons for his refusal.

That was a direct challenge to the rule of law. To test the claim in hypothetical instances, suppose he refused his consent for corrupt motives or in bad faith. The Attordey went so far as to say that even that could not be questioned. Or suppose he refused his consent for party political reasons and not in the interests of the public at large. Was he then to be answerable to Parliament alone, where he would, perchance, be supported by his own political party? Or—a still lesser hypothesis—suppose he refused his consent because he considered that the information was laid by a pressure group of which he disapproved but yet it was a matter which should be taken up in the interests of the public at large? Would his refusal then be fustified?

In all those cases his Lordship considered that he would be failing in his duty. Did it mean that nothing could be done about it? That no one could inform the courts of it? His Lordship would have thought that in order to dispel suspicion he could come and tell the court what his reasons were, or at least outline them

hered to and would repeat the declaration he had made when the late Mr McWhirter came to the court: "... I am of opinion that, in the last resort, if the Attorney General refuses leave in a proper case, or improperly or nnreasonably delays in giving leave, or his machinery works too slowly, then a member of the pub-lic who has a sufficient interest can himself apply to the court itself. He can apply for a declara-

itself. He can apply for a declaration and, in a proper case, for
an injunction, joining the Attorney General, if need be, as defendant... I regard it as a matter
of high constitutional principle
that if there is good ground for
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—or his Lordship would now add,
a trade union—" is transgressing
the law, or is about to transgress
It, in a way which offends or insupposing that a government department or a public authority"
—or his Lordship would now add, a trade uniton—" is transgressing the law, or is about to transgress it, in a way which offends or injures thousands of her Majesty's subjects, then in the last resort any one of those offended or injured can draw it to the attention of the courts of law and seek to have the law enforced".

The Attorney disputed that principle. He said that there was nothing to support it. But his Lordship had discovered that there was—only three years ago—and no less an authority than the Supreme Court of Canada. It was Thorson v Attorney General of Canada (No 2) (1974) 43 supreme court of canada. It was Thorson v Attorney General of Canada (No 2) ((1974) 43 DLR(3d) 1). The Parliament of Canada had passed a statute affecting every taxpayer in the land. Mr Thorson sought to challenge it as unconstitutional. He asked the Attorney General to take proceedings: but the Attorney re-

the Attorney General to take proceedings; but the Attorney refused. Mir Thorson then brought an action on his own. The court, by a majority of six to three, held that he was entitled to do so. Justice Laskin referred to the McWhirter case and drew on it, saving: "Where all members of the public are affected alike... and there is a justiciable issue respecting the validity of legislation, the court must be able to say that as between allowing a taxthat as between allowing a tax-payers' action and denying any standing at all when the Attorney General refuses to act, it may choose to hear the case on the

admitted a taxpayer to come on his own. another way, too. The Attorney said that it was a prerogative of the Crown on which he was entitled to insist. Although there was threatened a plain breach of the criminal law—to the prejudice of all her Majesty's subjects—then, without his consent no one of

without his consent no one of If that were so, it meant that the Attorney General and his pre-decessors and successors could, one after another, suspend or dis-pense with the execution of the laws of England. In regard to the postal workers' union, three pre-vious occasions had been drawn to the court's attention. In 1971 there was a strike in which postal workers stopped work for several weeks. His Lordship would not assert that that was a breach of

over a trade dispute for which the union was not liable in the civil courts. But no action was taken in the courts at that time to test in the courts at that time to test
the legality of the action.

In 1973 there was an occasion
parallel to the present. The
French government was about to
conduct nuclear tests in the Pacific Ocean. By way of protest the union decided to boycott mail to France. The Attorney General of the day, Sir Peter Rawlinson, took no action to stop the boycott. No one asked his consent for a relator action. No one came to the courts. action. No one came to the courts. That incident had been regarded by the union as a precedent to be followed in the present case. The general secretary was reported as saying: "It is totally illogical that the Law Lords should allow Raw-linson to do nothing and then com-

plain bitterly when Silkin does the same thing ". The truth was, of course, the contrary. The union was complaining that it could not repeat today the illegal action it took in 1973. Just as the Conservative Attorney Coneral did not vative Attorney General did not intervene then, so the Labour Attorney General was right not to

The latest incident was last August, when there was a trade dispute in London and the employees of a mail order firm came out on strike. They were supported by the UPW. On October 29 the union authorized its members not to bandle mail October 29 the union authorized its members not to handle mail to or from the company; and they did so. From November 1 postal workers refused to accept outgoing mail or to hand over incoming mail. The Attorney did not intervene—his Lordship did not know whether or not he was asked to. He might have had very good reasons for not intervening or allowing his name to be used. The firm itself issued a writ against the union and applied for an injunction. Four days later the union instructed its members to an injunction. Four days later the union instructed its members to work normally, and that was announced on that very day during a House of Commons debate. If the Attorney's contention were correct, it would mean that the mail order firm had no right to come to the court at all. They could not come to enforce any private right of their own, because it might be blocked by the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act. They could not come as members of the public at large to enforce the criminal law unless the Attorney gave his consent.

What, then, did it all come to? If the Attorney's contention was correct, it meant that he was the correct, it meant that he was the final arbiter on whether the law should be enforced or not. If he did not act himself, or refused to consent to his name being used, the law would not be enforced. If the law would not be enforced in the law would not be enforced. If the law would not be enforced in the law would no the law would not be enforced. If.
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good reasons of his own for not
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intervenina. He might fear the repercussions if he lent the weight of his authority to proceedings against the infringers. But as one like situation followed another—as it situation followed another—as it did here—it meant that a power-ful trade union would feel that it could repeat its performance with impunity. It would be above the law. That could not be.

There was a warning from history. James II claimed that by virtue of his prerogative he could suspend or dispense with the suspend or dispense with the execution of all penal laws in matters ecclesiastical. He had reasons which to him seemed most compelling; he desired religious toleration and civic equality. But the people of England would

have none of that prerogative. The jury showed that at the trial of the Seven Bishops. And at the very first opportunity Parliament enacted the Bill of Rights, 1688, which declared "... that the prefetiered. It could be reviewed by the courts. If he took into account matters he ought not to take into account, or failed to take into account those which he should, his decision could be overridden by the courts. Not directly, but indirectly.

If he misdirected himself in coming to his decision, the court could say: "Very well, then, if you do not give your consent, or your reasons, we will hear the complaint of this citizen without it." Elis Lordship therefore adhered to and would repeat the

his Lordship believed, provided a remedy. If the Attorney refused to give his consent to the enforcement of the criminal law, then any citizen in the land could ask the courts for the law to be enforced. That was an essential essential That was an essential safeguard; for were it not so, the Attorney could, by his veto saying "I do not consent", make the criminal law of no effect. Confronted with a powerful subject whom he leared to offend, he could refuse his consent time and time again. That could not be permitted. To every subject in the land, no matter how powerful, his Lordship would use Thomas Fuller's words over 300 years ago: "Be

the law was, so that the defendant thenceforward would have no excuse for not obeying it. That followed from Dyson w Attorney General ([1911] 1KB 4101. It would be a blot on our system of law and procedure if there were law and procedure if there were no way by which a decision on the scope of the criminal law could be obtained save by launching a private prosecution

ing a private prosecution.

And if the court could grant a declaration, his Lordship saw no reason why it should not grant an injunction against the infringers. Ever since the Judicature Act. 1873, the courts had by statute had jurisdiction to grant an injunction "in all cases in which it shall appear to the court to be just and convenient that such to be just and convenient that such order should be made ". His Lordship knew that Mr Justice Ormrod in Montgomery v Montgomery ([1965] p46) and his Lordship in Thorne v BBC ([1967] 1 WLR 1104, 1109) had said that that only applied to an injunction "to protect a right ". that was too narrowly

stated, it was now established by Court of Appeal decisions that an injunction could be granted to prevent the commission of a

it would be followed up, in case of disobedience, by committal to prison or sequestration of assets, or anything of that kind. His Lordship trusted that would never be necessary. If it should happen in the future, as he trusted it never would be, that a trade union should disobey an order of the court, consideration would have to be given to the measures necessary to enforce it. But that could be left to another day. All that has been to another day. All that was neces-sary today was to declare what the

rogative in claimed. Farilament fad passed no enactment on it. There was no binding precedent on it. It was a new thing.

Whenever a new situation arose which had not been considered before, the judges had to say what the law was. In so doing they did not change the law. tion, If it existed, it must be found elsewhere. Mr Saville subnulted that it was to be found in the principle enunciated by the
House of Lords in LPTE v
Mascrop [1942] AC 332), where they did not change the law. They declared it. They considered it on priociple and then pro-nounced on it. As the old writers nounced on it. As the old writers quaintly put it, the law lay "in the breast of the judges". And when the Attorney told their Lordships that he had a prerogative by which he alone was to say whether the criminal law should be enforced in these courts or not, his Lordship would say he had no such prerogative. He had no prerogative to suspend or dispense with the laws of England. If he did not give his consent,

had no prerogative to suspend or dispense with the laws of England. If he did not give his consent, then any citizen of the land, and the present case. Mry one of the public at large who was adversely affected, could come to the court and ask that the law be enforced.

Let no one say that the court and the law as prejudiced. They had but one prejudice. That was to aphold the law. And that they would do, whatever might befall. Nothing

curring that the action should be allowed to proceed against the Attorney General and the two Attorney General and the two unions on an amended statement of claim, said that the issue was not whether the Attordey was answerable to the courts as to the discharge of his functions but whether the plaintiff, after the Attorney's refusal to consent to a relator action for an injunction against the postal union, had any right to ask the court to stop a threatened breach of the criminal law. If he had, it was his Lordship's judicial duty, as Magna Carta said, to ensure that he got what he was entitled to.

he got what he was entitled to.

There was no question of a clash between the courts and Parliament, still less any question of the court impugning, as had been suggested, the honour, reputation and rights of Parliament. The opposite was the case. Parliament had enacted the Post Office Acus and amended the 1953 Act in 1969, but postal workers continued to be subject to the prohibitions set out in section 58 of the 1953 Act. His Lordship inferred that Parliament intended the law as set out in those two inferred that Parliament intended the law as set out in those two Acts to be enforced. He would be acting in breach of his Judicial oath and his duty to the Sovereign and Parliament if, on being asked to enforce the law as laid down by Parliament, he did not do whatever he could to see that it was not broken.

The ices had to be considered.

The issue had to be considered against the background of the facts. Had not the court intervened on January 15 tens of thousands of ordinary law abiding citizens would have had to choose between being lead to choose headens helps facilities their prints. between being loyal to their union or breaking the law. The law was neither obscure nor out of date. Refusal to obey union instructions could have had serious conse-quences; so could breaking the law. If ever a situation called for someone in a position of authority and influence to state what the law was, this was it. His Lordship considered what

the consequences for the public would have been if the boycott had been brought into effect and Mr Saville's powerful argument on behalf of both unions that because of section 14 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act a citizen likely to suffer financial loss if a crime was committed could not ask the courts to stop the threat-ened crime. His Lordship did not know whether the Attorney agreed with Mr Saville's submission, but if it was right that might well be the state of the law. If it was, the public had cause for concern.

Put the court did not have to decide whether Mr Saville's sub-mission was right because Mr Couriet had not asked the court protect his personal right to e Post Office facilities, but had asked their Lordships, by injunc-tion, to try to stop what seemed to be a threatened breach of the criminal law, after the Attorney had refused to take action him self or to consent to his doing so in his name.

everyone appreciated that relator rights when the public interest justified enforcement.

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The headnote to LCC v Attorney General in 1902 included the statement that "the jurisdiction of the Attorney General to decide in what cases it is proper for him to sue on behalf of relators is absolute". That was based on what Lord Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, said, and concurred in by Lord Macnaghten, though "the thing has not been argued here at all". That did not matter, for in other cases in the Court of Appeal the dictum had been followed.

His Lordship accepted that the courts had no jurisdiction over the Attorney's discretion as to when, and when not, he should seek to enforce the law having

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> It was said that as the respondent was not claiming any relief or advantage for himself, the case was not one in which the court should exercise its discretionary power to make a declaratory indement.
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difficulty about granting an in-terim injunction if it was just and convenient to do so. He was diction to determine a claim for a declaratory judgment in the present circumstances.

The plaintiff's pleadings were not in order. Unless he amended

his statement of claim to ask for nis statement of claim to ask for declaratory judgments against the two unions it would have to be struck out so far as it applied to them. Those and other techni-calities were of no importance if his Lordship's approach to the issue by way of declaratory judgment was right.

The present was an interlocu-tory judgment. If the parties wanted a final determination of

tory judgment. If the parties wanted a final determination of the issue, they were at liberty to do so. The Attorney as a defendant could then submit that considerations of the public interest which were not easily discernible to the court on January 15 pointed against the making of any declaratory judgment or the granting of an injunction.

His Lordship accepted the Attorney's submissions, first, that considerations of public interest had to be taken into account in the discharge of his duties of law enforcement; secondly, that he had access to sources of information which were not and could not be available to the courts; thirdly, that he might be in a better position to weigh the factors affecting public interest then the judges. But he could not accept that he alone, in relation to law enforcement through the civil courts, was the sole arbiter of what was the public interest.

public interest. His Lordship envisaged that It would be only in the rare case in which, so far as the court could see, there was no discernible reason why threatened breaches of the criminal law should not be restrained that the court would allow a plaintiff to proceed. If anow a planning to proceed. If at any time the Attorney elected to reveal the factors of public interest which were not discern-ible, the court could assess the new information and judge new information and judge accordingly.

The court would vigorously deny relief to busybodies, mis-

chief makers and anybody who was not likely to be personally was not likely to be personally affected by the threatened criminal acts. His Lordship would also have thought that a condition precedent for applying to the court would be that an application for consent to a relator action had been made to the Attorney and refused.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD, concurring, said that the case raised two questions of major constitutional importance: (1) whether

tional importance: (1) whether the Attorney General was answer-able to the court, or only to Par-liament, for the exercise of his there were any circumstances in which a member of the public might take proceedings to restrain illegal acts of a public nature without the Attorney's assistance in junction could be granted to prevent the commission of a criminal offence. It could certainly be granted when one of the public sued with the Attorney's coasent:

Attorney General v Harris ([1961] 1 QB 74) and Attorney General v Chaudry ([1971] 1 WLR 1614, 1624) where his Lordship had said, he believed rightly, that "... the High Court has jurisdiction to ensure obedience to the law whenever it is just and convenient so to do". If the court had jurisdiction when the Attorney was the plaintiff, so also it had jurisdiction when a member of the public was the plaintiff, so also it had jurisdiction when a member of the public was the plaintiff.

It did not, of course, follow that if the court granted an injunction, it would be followed up, in case of disobedience, by committal to the court and injunction, of disobedience, by committal to the court and interest and the courts and the Attorney's assistance or, as The Times put it, did the Attorney stand between the citizen and the courts? "The Attorney's discourted that it was reminder to the court that it was reminder to the court that it was there such a gap as to leave the judges powerable to the court, he was not subject to review by the court, he was not answerable to the court, he was not answerable to the court, he was not answerable to the court, he was not subject to review by the court, he was not subject to review by the court, he was not answerable to the court in that respect, a gap is the end of the cirilean supproceased that a member of the public had no locus stand to invoke the aid of the civil courts in respect of a so-called public inferred from the cases that until first unless he could show a particular interest in the subject or matter or special damage in some of the miscourts to the courts and the courts. The Attorney's assistance or, as The Times Attorney "stand between the citzen and the courts. The Attorney's assistance or, as The Times Att

matter or special damage in some form and that only the Attorney form and that only the Attorney could see in such circumstances.

That assumption had never been questioned before because the courts had never been asked to consider the position when the Attorney declined to assist a member of the public to take relator proceedings. The position was therefore, res integra; and the court, particularly in matters going to jurisdiction, would not hesitate to examine the validity of long standing rules if their foundations could be shown to be insecure.

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He was, in his Lordship's ju ment, in the absence of di-comrary authority, entitled to the court to consider whether not he could establish suffic standing to proceed with action. For that reason an fate injunction was granted on the inhearing to preserve the posi-while the question was argued. The next question was when there was any jurisdiction to gibin, not the Attorney, relief there was, the Attorney's reft to allow him to proceed we not bar kim.

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The charge against Mr Goodchild of possession of derivatives
was left on the file and now the
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of Appeal if a prosecution can be
mounted. It would start at the
Crown Court in Portsmouth, where
Mr Goodchild lives.

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section 7 of the 1889 Act defined "public body" as meaning "any council of a county or county of a city or town, any council of a municipal borough, also any board, commissioners, select vestry, or other body which has power to act under and for the power to act under and for the power to act under

which has power to act under and for the purposes of any Act relating to local government, ur the public health, or to poor law or otherwise to administer money raised by rates in pursuance of any public general Act,

appellants; Mr David Tudor Price

expressed the opinion that R ν Newbould was wrong.

A question that was confined to an area board constituted under the 1948 Act would not be

of continuing importance today as area gas boards had been abolished. Nevertheless, the question as certified was framed

question as certified was framed in terms too wide to enable an answer to be given unless the reference to "other similar bodies in public ownership" was understood to be confined to bodies which had public or statutory duties to perform and which performed those duties and carried out their transactions for the benefit of the public and not for private profit.

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answer the question in the affirmative for the reasons given by the Court of Appeal, which in substance were the same as those of Judge Rigg in R v Joy and Emmony. No useful purpose would be extend by adding his own page.

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LORD HAILSHAM, agreeing with Lord Diplock, said that he agreed that R v Newbould was wrong and should not be followed and that the rriling by Judge Rieg in R v Joy and Emmony and the independent of the Court of Appeal

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The Gas Act, 1972, by section
1 (1) dissolved the area boards
established under the 1948 Act
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in the British Gas Corporation
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LORD DIPLOCK said that the question certified was wider than the point of law involved in the decision of the Court of Appeal. It was not confined to the status of an area board constituted under the Gas Act, 1948, but referred also to "other statular bodies in public ownership not described specifically in the creating statute as 'public bodies'." That wider form of question was probably directed to a part of the reasoning of Mr Justice Winm in R v Newbould ([1962] 2 QB 102), which had led him to hold that the National Coal Board was not a public body within the meaning of the 1916 Act. The same reasoning would apply to the North Thames Gas Board. Both Judge Rigg in his ruling in R v Joy and Emmony and the Court of Appeal in the Instant case had expressed the opinion that R v ames Gas Board by which
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Illicit alcohol is blamed for The owners of the Fleetwood trawler Wyre Victory, which struck rocks in the Western Isies a year ago, were largely to blame for the ship's loss because they had turned a blind eye to the taking of illicit alcohol in their ships, a Department of Trade inquiry has concluded. Its findings were announced yesterday. The inquiry censured the skipper, Mr Alfred Watson, aged 61, who had fallen asleep after taking successive watches, and suspended the certificate of competence of Mr Terence O'Flisherty, the boatswain, for two years. Wyre Trawlers had knowingly allowed the taking of drink on board to continue, the inquiry reports said, and recommended that searches of trawlermen's bags should be made a term of employment and that more support should be given to skippers. Although Mr Watson's conduct could not be condoned, he had been the viction of circumstances that had developed higher up in the company, and drink made it impossible for skippers to maintain discipline. It was alleged at the inquiry that the trawler was lost because of the boatswain's negligent mavigation caused by drink. Mr O'Flaherty, aged 33, admitted that it was "practically entirely my fault" No one died when the ship went down. Wyre Trawlers was ordered to pay £3,000 towards the cost of the inquiry. Mr Barry Sheen, QC, a wreck commissioner, said that in the Dast loss of trawler

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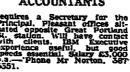
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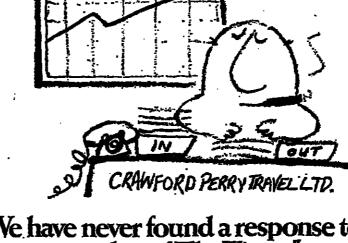
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